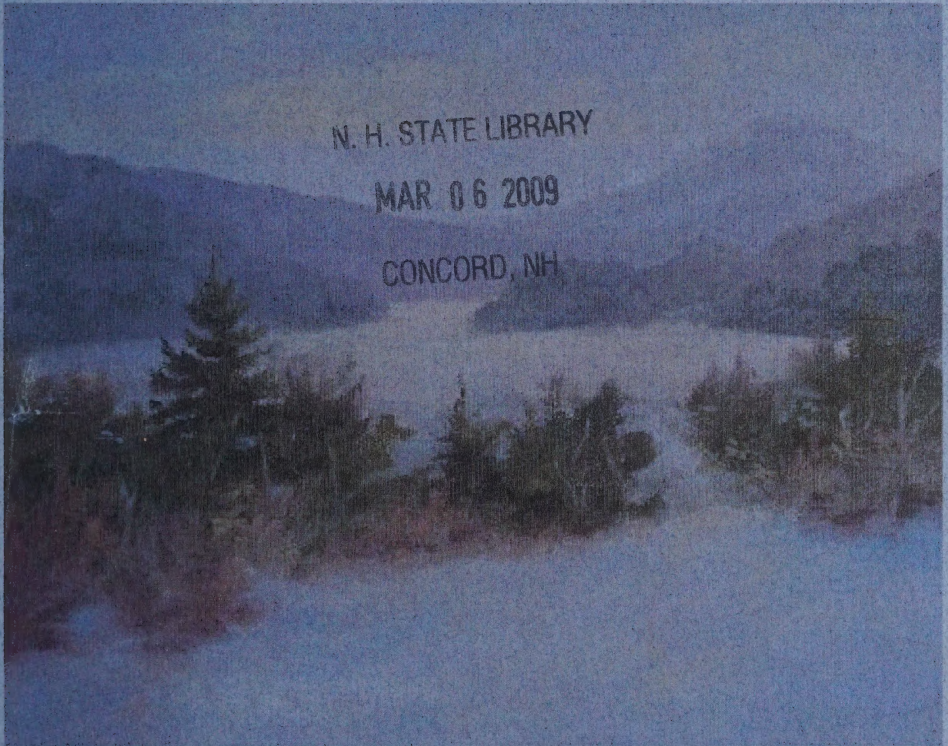


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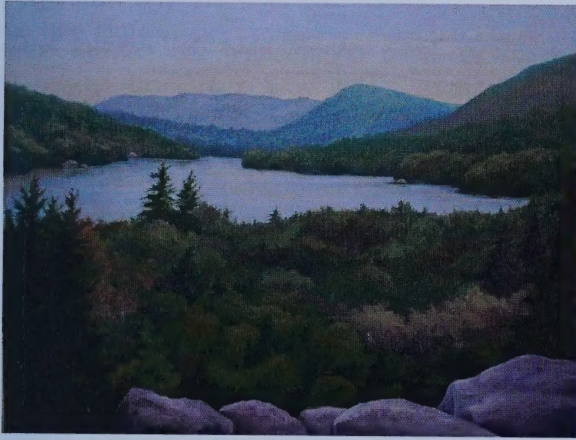




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# *Annual Report*

*of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and other  
Town Officers  
for the Town of Newbury, New Hampshire*



*'Greystone Lake View'*  
By Deborah Bacon

*for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2008  
with Vital Statistics for the year 2008*

Cover painting: *'Winter Views of Lake Sunapee'*  
By Patricia Sweet-MacDonald





*'Loa's Leaves'*  
By Loa Winter

## *Through the Eyes of an Artist'*

For years, artists have documented the natural beauties of Newbury on canvas. This year, five local artists: Deborah Bacon, Debbie Campbell, Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, Martha von Redlich and Loa Winter are featured in this year's annual report. Each painter has a unique technique and favorite place that gives them inspiration. Take a journey through this year's report to see this beautiful town through the eyes of an artist.



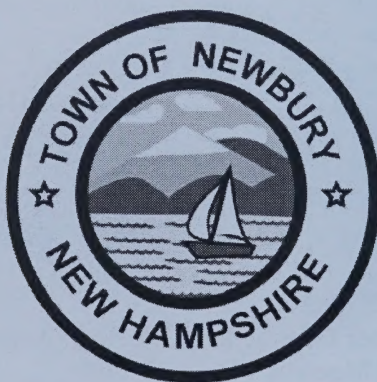
*'The Bog on Forest Brook Road'*  
By Martha von Redlich



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## In Recognition

If you are looking for some interesting reading this year, be on the lookout for a newly published book that will be available this summer. Local resident Shelly Candidus is the author of a captioned picture book titled *Newbury* that covers the history of Newbury from 1778 to the 1978 bicentennial. This accomplishment, along with the fact that she worked for the town for 11 years, always goes an extra mile in volunteering, and has served on numerous town committees are the reasons we recognize her in this year's annual town report.

Shelly was born in Corning, New York to George and Mildred Diven. She and her brother grew up in a small town in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York and attended Dundee Central School. When asked if she knew she always liked to write, her response was, "I've always enjoyed telling a story. When I was very young, I used to dictate stories to my mother before I could write."

Following her passion for writing, Shelly attended Vassar College and received her Bachelor's Degree in English. She then moved to Cambridge, Mass. and worked as a copywriter for Harvard University Press before she landed her first 'real job' as an assistant publicity manager for Little, Brown Publishing Company in Boston.

Moving from Cambridge to Boston, Shelly sublet an apartment from Ed Candidus, and her landlord became her husband five years later. Shelly and Ed with their twin sons, Max and Leo, spent more than 25 years vacationing in a cottage on Bradley Lake in Andover, New Hampshire.

Shelly worked for more than 20 years at Polaroid Corporation, as customer service supervisor, editor, and senior publicity specialist as the company flourished during the heyday of instant photography. She attended Boston University's graduate School of Public Communication to enhance her

journalism skills. When she left Polaroid, she worked as a freelance public relations writer for Honeywell and other high-tech companies.

When Shelly and Ed retired in the mid '90s, they were able to realize their dream of living in New Hampshire full-time. They started looking for their retirement home in the Andover area and during their search they saw an ad for a house in Newbury. It was love at first sight, and, Shelly says, "Newbury turned out to be an unexpected treasure." They moved here in April of 1996.

That same spring, Shelly saw an ad in the Kearsarge Shopper for an administrative assistant position in the selectmen's office. She interviewed with Dennis and was hired. She discovered it was the perfect way to become involved in town affairs and meet the residents. Shelly was responsible for many daily tasks as well as producing the annual town report. In her spare time, she wrote articles for *Soo-Nipi* magazine, to which she still is a contributor.

Shelly has been on various committees since moving to Newbury, including being a library trustee for three years, an integral member of both the building committee for the renovation project at the town office and the Old Home Day committee, creator of a local art exhibit in the town office, and is currently a member of the board of the Newbury Historical Society.

Shelly says that the biggest challenge of writing *Newbury* was tracking down accurate information on the dates, people and places in the photos, but that this was also the most fun, because the more information that was found on a subject, the more interesting it became. She said that the most interesting thing she learned was that the center of Newbury was first located on Blye Hill, followed by South Newbury, before finally finding its current home by the harbor.



When asked what she most likes about Newbury, Shelly's response was, "I love the small-town atmosphere which goes hand in hand with people who care, are open, friendly and are good neighbors. Newbury is the kind of place that makes me feel like I've been here forever and I always look forward to coming back here if I go anywhere else."

Shelly's authored book, *Newbury*, will be available this summer at local bookstores, local businesses, the town office and online through Arcadia Publishing.

Thank you, Shelly, for all that you have done for Newbury during the past 13 years. You are a warm, caring person who is always willing to help out in the community when needed. You are a true asset to the town of Newbury.

*Donna Long, Administrative Assistant*



*Shelly Candidus*  
*Photo courtesy Donna Long*

## **Town Officers**

### **Selectmen\***

Jim Powell, Chairman, term expires 2011

Gary Budd, term expires 2009

Richard Wright, term expires 2010

### **Town Administrator\*\***

Dennis J. Pavlicek

### **Moderator\***

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2010

### **Deputy Moderator\*\*\*\***

Vincent Iacopino

### **Representative to the General Court**

Patricia McMahon

### **Town Clerk and Tax Collector\***

Linda Plunkett, term expires 2009

### **Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector\*\***

Martha von Redlich

### **Treasurer\***

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2011

### **Deputy Treasurer\*\***

Debbie Sias

### **Trustees of Trust Funds\***

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2011

Claire Vannatta, term expires 2009

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2010



**Library Trustees\***

Regina Almond-Albro, term expires 2011

Paula Falkowski, term expires 2009

Elizabeth Tentarelli, term expires 2010

**Newbury Member,**

**Kearsarge Regional School Board\***

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2009

**Newbury Member,**

**KRSD Municipal Budget Committee\***

Robin Parkhurst, term expires 2009

**Supervisors of the Checklist\***

Al Bachelder, term expires 2009

Sue Russell, term expires 2011

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2013

**Cemetery Trustees\***

Michael Moss, term expires 2011

Mary Bachelder, term expires 2009

Paul Riley, term expires 2010

**Planning Board\***

Tom Vannatta, chair, term expires 2010

Barbara Freeman, vice-chair, term expires 2011

Ron Williams, term expires 2009

Travis Dezotell, term expires 2009

Deane Geddes, term expires 2010

William Weiler, term expires 2011

**Zoning Board of Adjustment\***

Elizabeth Ashworth, chair, term expires 2009  
Katheryn Holmes, vice-chair, term expires 2010  
Barbara Richmond, term expires 2011  
Steve Russell, term expires 2010  
Helen Wright, term expires 2011  
Alex Azodi, alternate, term expires 2009  
Sue Russell, alternate, term expires 2011

**Conservation Commission\*\***

Katheryn Holmes, chair, term expires 2010  
Eric Unger, vice-chair, term expires 2010  
William Annable, term expires 2009  
Suzanne Levine, term expires 2009  
Charles Crickman, term expires 2011  
Frank Perotta, alternate, term expires 2009  
Deane Geddes, alternate, term expires 2011

**Chief of Police\*\***

Robert Lee

**Chief of Fire Department\*\***

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

**Officer of Emergency Management\*\***

Wayne R. Whitford

**Health Officer\*\***

Wayne R. Whitford

**Code Enforcement Officer\*\***

Paul LaCasse

**Highway Administrator\*\***

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

**Family Services Director\*\***

Gail Bostic



**Inspectors of Election\*\***

Doris Newell  
Suzanne Levine  
Claire Thomas  
Jane Moss

**Election Officials\*\*\*\***

Michael Moss  
Steven Russell  
Marcia Surette  
Margo Steeves  
Susan Crickman

**Forest Fire Warden\*\*\***

Dave Smith

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens\*\*\***

John G. Croteau, Henry E. Thomas, Jr.,  
Ed Thorson, Michael Bascom

\* Elected at town meeting

\*\* Appointed by selectmen

\*\*\* State appointment

\*\*\*\* Appointed by moderator

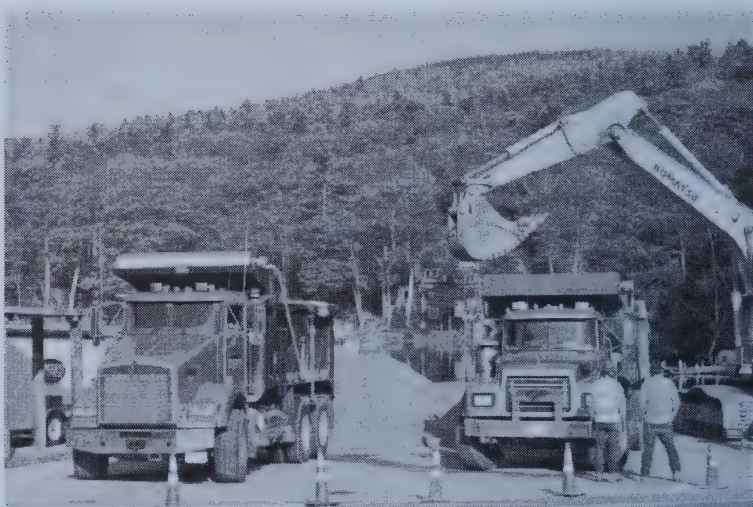


*Newbury train station circa late 1800s.*

## Selectmen's Report

Our town is growing at a moderate rate. The state estimated our year-round population at 2,039 in 2007. In the year 2000 our population was 1,702. That's a 19.8 percent increase in seven years. In the same time period, the state population grew 6.4 percent to 1,315,000. As you see, Newbury is growing three times faster than New Hampshire. To meet the needs of our growing population, several significant projects have been undertaken in the last few years. Here is an update on the latest.

The sidewalk project is the most visible, as you've seen as you walk or drive through the harbor area. The selectmen consulted with the design engineers and several state departments to select James S. Piscopo construction company from numerous responses to our request for bids. Work was begun in late fall, the weather was favorable and significant progress was made. The project should be completed this summer.



*Work being done by the harbor.  
Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen*



Immediately after the 2008 annual meeting we began work with the engineers for replacement of the bridges on Village and Sutton roads. A preliminary design will be ready soon. We will conduct public hearings and, based on the input, complete the design and permitting process. We will then prepare bid packages to go out to select a contractor. The construction will be planned and scheduled to have the least impact and inconvenience to motorists. Various state departments will be involved throughout the process. The construction is scheduled to begin next year.

We formed a committee to assess short- and long-term facility needs of the town, and the best use of the Bald Sunapee site. The committee gathered useful input at two public information meetings this January, and will schedule others as the plans are refined. The buildings on the Bald Sunapee property were taken down and removed in September. The garage will remain as a convenient storage building until voters approve any future improvements.

On Old Home Day in July, the weather cooperated and the showers held off for our celebration of community. Attendance and participation continue to grow; the number and variety of events have changed and grown as well. A very popular addition was the boat ride on the lake, with people lining up for a cooling 20-minute tour of the harbor area. As we learn from and build on our past experiences, we expect another enjoyable and successful Old Home Day in 2009.

Part of the Old Home Day schedule included the official dedications of Fishersfield Park and the Velie Memorial Playground.

The Fishersfield recreation project was completed after several years of work. People began using the tennis court and basketball court as soon as they were finished, and the trails are seeing good use. The athletic field was seeded and the

grass grew quickly. The field should be ready for full use this spring.

The Velie Memorial Playground was also dedicated at Old Home Day, and immediately proved a successful addition to our town. It was filled with children playing there virtually every day throughout the summer and fall. A few intrepid kids have even slogged through the snow for some winter exercise on the swings, slides and climbing equipment.



*The grand opening of the Velie Memorial Playground.*

*Photo courtesy Donna Long*

The selectmen and budget committee, working with department heads on the budget, kept strongly in mind the severe downturn in the national and state economies. The town budget we are proposing will be level with, if not lower than, last year's. We believe that the economy is not going to improve quickly, and we must be careful to control spending. We encourage you to let us know your thoughts and ideas.

In closing, the board of selectmen wishes to thank the people – employees, board members, volunteers – who invest their time, skill and effort to make Newbury such a great place. It is not just your work but also your spirit that enrich our community. It's great working with you.

*Jim Powell, Dick Wright, and Gary Budd*



## **Town Administrator**

### **The calm before *the storm*.**

2008 was coming to a quiet close when suddenly we experienced the worst power outage in New Hampshire history due to the ice storm in December. Most of Newbury was without power for almost a week. During that time, our fire, police and emergency management departments along with staff from highway, Blodgett sewer, town office and the transfer station were out doing their normal tasks along with assisting residents in a multitude of other ways.



*The beauty of the devastating ice storm.*

*Photo courtesy Martha von Redlich*

### **What did our town provide?**

We provided wood for those without heat, a call to check on those who need help, a hot shower for those without a generator, water for those without an operating pump, a warm room for those without heat, a sounding board to let out frustration, but more importantly, we were able to help each other. During difficult times like this, we sometimes forget to say thank you. So we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the

residents who assisted their neighbors by loaning generators, helped others keep their pipes from freezing, loaned freezer space so food did not spoil and many other countless blessings. Thanks, also, to our safety service responders and utility crews - it is reassuring knowing that we can always count on you. Finally, thank you to our neighbor, the town of New London, for neighborly care and friendship at the shelter there.

### **Velie Memorial Playground**

It has only been a few short months since the playground opened for the first time, but it has become the playground destination for Lake Sunapee parents and children. You know it is the place to be when you have busses from neighboring towns visiting our gem. Thanks again to the Velie Memorial Board for your vision and dedication in bringing this great gift to our community.

### **WCNH**

#### **West Central New Hampshire Broadband Consortium**

This year, at town meeting, there will be an article to join with the seven other communities (Orford, Lyme, Hanover, Enfield, Springfield, New London and Sunapee) that are participating in the broadband consortium. This article will not obligate an expenditure, but will give the communities the authority to establish a formal consortium. We hope to make further progress in the coming months, so please look for updates on the town website and newsletter.

### **Sidewalk Project**

The sidewalk project is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2009. We would like to thank the following businesses that donated park benches, planters and a bike rack: Outspokin' Bicycle & Sport Shop, Lake Sunapee Bank, LaValley's, Bubba's Bar & Grille, Baker Hill Golf Club, Marzelli's Deli, Bob's Beacon Marina, Lumber Barn,



Newbury Quick Stop, Mount Sunapee Resort, Skinner's Ski & Sport, Elliot Hansen Associates, Mountain Edge Resort & Spa at Sunapee, Sugar River Savings Bank, Rainbow Garage, Newbury News, Ledyard Bank and Country Houses Real Estate.

### **Town Website**

Our digital 'town hall' (the Newbury website, [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)) will be undergoing a major overhaul. The town's updated website is intended for users to find things and will be easier for our staff to update. As the project moves forward, the plan is to prepare information readily available to the public. Please advise if there is something you would like to see on the website. In the coming months we expect to dramatically increase what is on the site, including easy-to-use digital tax maps and town geographic information system (GIS) maps from our GIS database.



*A summer view of Lake Sunapee  
Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford*

## **Tax Rate**

Last year the municipal tax rate went down thirty cents. This year, our challenge is much more difficult as we have decreased revenues and a static tax base. In other words, we are currently experiencing an economic era which closely resembles that of the perfect storm! The select board and the budget committee have crafted a fiscally prudent budget that we believe will meet the needs of the community. If all the money articles pass, the increase in the town portion of the tax rate will be no more than a nickel per thousand or approximately up 1.47%. However, if revenues are better than projected, we may end up with a zero percent increase.

## **Community Participation**

Newbury benefits from the active participation of its residents on various boards and committees. These boards and committees are a vital part of town operations, from planning and zoning to events like Old Home Day. An informed citizenry is vital to future success. One tool the town uses for such information is our annual town report. The 2007 annual report was recognized by the Local Government Center for the second year in a row as the first-place report in the state in our population class.

Finally, our town is blessed with a smart, creative and dedicated staff. Working with these people on a daily basis, I see their commitment to public service and to improving our community. Many of their actions go unrecognized or unheralded because they are just 'doing their job'. It is an honor to work with them as well as with the dedicated citizens that populate our boards and committees, and also residents that simply drop in to talk, make a phone call or send an email.

*Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator*



## **Town Clerk**

### **Debits**

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued .....	\$377,007.17
Dog Licenses Issued .....	2,034.50
UCC Filings .....	705.00
Boat Registrations .....	6,979.08
Vital Records .....	723.00
Filing for Offices .....	10.00
Fish and Game .....	5,581.50
Miscellaneous .....	160.50
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b>\$393,200.75</b>

### **Credits**

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued .....	\$377,007.17
Dog Licenses Issued .....	2,034.50
UCC Filings .....	705.00
Boat Registrations .....	6,979.08
Vital Records .....	723.00
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Fish and Game .....	5,581.50
Miscellaneous .....	160.50
<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>	<b>\$393,200.75</b>

**Treasurer**  
**General Funds 2008 Receipts**

Received from Tax Collector	\$ 9,925,899.15
Received from Town Clerk	\$ 393,200.75
Received from Selectmen's Office	\$ 595,014.24
Interest	\$ 21,564.38
Total	\$ 10,935,678.52
Transfers to/from Investment accts.	( \$ 2,015,851.88)
Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 2,294,845.66
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$ 11,214,672.30
Selectmen's Orders Paid	( \$ 10,876,497.98)
Balance on December 31, 2008	\$ 338,174.32

*Jennifer J. Goin, Treasurer*



*Cloud formations over Lake Sunapee*  
*Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen*

## Investment Accounts

### NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2008	\$	1,239.80
Plus: Interest	\$	30.80
Plus: Deposits	\$	0.00
Less: Transfers	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2008	\$	1,270.60

### Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2008	\$	36,901.24
Plus: Deposits	\$	26,952.39
Plus: Interest	\$	1,486.86
Less: Transfers	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2008	\$	65,340.49

### Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2008	\$	67,872.14
Plus: Interest	\$	2,514.75
Less: Transfers	\$	12,990.34
Plus: Transfers	\$	<u>63,995.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2008	\$	121,391.55

### Recreation Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 2008	\$	3,751.74
Plus: Interest	\$	12.72
Less: Transfers	\$	5,980.13
Plus: Transfers	\$	<u>6,032.15</u>
Balance December 31, 2008	\$	3,816.48

### Lake Sunapee Savings Account

Balance January 1, 2008	\$	0.00
Plus: Interest	\$	3,477.78
Less: Transfers	\$	1,800,000.00
Plus: Transfers	\$	<u>3,500,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2008	\$	1,703,477.78



Report of The Trust Funds of The Town of Newbury, New Hampshire on December 31, 2008

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>Use first three letters provided in a separate trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVERTED <small>(Name, year, month, day, year) of (Date of Trust Fund)</small>	PRINCIPAL					INCOME				Grand Total Of Principal & Income at End of Year				
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains (or Losses) on Securities	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR			BALANCE ENDING YEAR					
									%	Amount	%			Amount	YEAR		
Various	CEMETERY FUNDS	per individual category	POIP	\$15,398.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,398.79	\$22,154.05	100.00%	\$924.53	\$0.00	\$23,078.58	\$38,477.37				
				\$15,398.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,398.79	\$22,154.05		\$924.53	\$0.00	\$23,078.58	\$38,477.37				
TOTALS																	
1972	SCHOLARSHIP FUND Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	Lake Sunnyside Bank	\$98.57	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$49.54	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.53				
				\$98.57	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$49.54	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.53				
TOTALS																	
1954 1986 2000 2002 2004 2006	LIBRARY FUNDS	Library	POIP	\$2,902.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,902.56	\$1,651		\$64.95	\$16.51	\$64.95	\$3,057.41				
				\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$5.62		\$21.32	\$5.62	\$21.32	\$1,021.32				
				\$15,592.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,592.00	\$795.41		\$385.02	\$16,377.02	\$16,377.02	\$16,377.02				
				TOTALS				\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00	\$242.36		\$117.42	\$4,867.42	\$4,867.42	
								\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$899.37		\$1,215.25	\$26,215.25	\$26,215.25	\$26,215.25
								\$222,276.72	\$5,570.32	\$0.00	\$28,950.04	\$371.63		\$884.02	\$371.63	\$884.02	\$30,634.06
				TOTALS				\$72,614.28	\$11,670.32	\$0.00	\$84,234.60	\$3,306.68		\$1,372.00	\$3,306.68	\$1,372.00	\$86,256.50
1952 1971 1984 2000 1993 1995 1997	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	Highway Equip Fire Equip Police Equip Ambulance Fund Recreational Facility Bridges	POIP	\$340,704.77	\$98,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,718.08	\$312,897.69		\$10,183.40	\$10,183.40	\$312,897.69	\$312,897.69				
				\$175,521.67	\$48,000.00	\$0.00	\$106,582.16	\$113,838.51		\$15,487.91	\$15,487.91	\$113,838.51	\$113,838.51				
				\$10,097.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,097.11	\$1,995.47		\$2,984.72	\$2,984.72	\$2,984.72	\$2,984.72				
				TOTALS				\$23,457.18	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$28,457.18	\$2,856.42		\$657.15	\$0.00	\$2,856.42	\$2,856.42
								\$2,305.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,305.88	\$354.41		\$17.23	\$0.00	\$2,305.88	\$2,305.88
								\$100,340.77	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$135,340.77	\$11,267.26		\$2,907.65	\$0.00	\$135,340.77	\$135,340.77
				TOTALS				\$552,407.39	\$181,000.00	\$0.00	\$372,758.24	\$601,176.15		\$14,979.20	\$36,235.56	\$20,580.53	\$21,152.65
1977 1984 1987 1995 2002 2004 2006	GENERAL TRUST FUNDS	Dock Repairs Town Bldgs Cem. Monuments Office Equip Miscell Cemetery Maint Fire Dept. - PPE	POIP	\$38,172.72	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,172.72	\$3,201.20		\$1,054.68	\$0.00	\$4,255.88	\$50,428.60				
				\$47,324.07	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$54,324.07	\$4,320.42		\$1,303.89	\$0.00	\$5,624.41	\$60,008.48				
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.15		\$0.00	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$0.15				
				TOTALS				\$25,455.23	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,455.23	\$1,712.51		\$887.24	\$1,965.15	\$0.00	\$3,852.39
								\$2,315.35	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,315.35	\$160.86		\$85.47	\$236.43	\$0.00	\$3,055.79
								\$5,045.31	\$1,800.15	\$0.00	\$6,845.46	\$324.09		\$739.17	\$0.00	\$684.25	\$7,312.72
				TOTALS				\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$973.14		\$662.59	\$0.00	\$1,535.72	\$31,535.72
AC GENERAL TRUST FUNDS	AC GENERAL TRUST FUNDS			\$138,910.63	\$37,800.15	\$0.00	\$176,710.78	\$10,342.87		\$3,733.13	\$1,879.27	\$180,756.69	\$180,756.69				
				\$715,477.72	\$260,492.47	\$0.00	\$975,970.19	\$78,128.55		\$21,308.85	\$47,910.03	\$57,510.33	\$327,321.57				

**Tax Collector's Report**  
**Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended**  
**12/31/2008**

<b>Uncollected Tax</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Prior</b>
<b>Beginning of Year</b>			
Property Tax		\$619,468.89	
Land Use Change		13,300.00	
Yield		448.38	
Excavation/yard			
Utility Charge		15,682.48	
Interest & Bounced Ck			
<b>Tax Committed</b>			
Property Tax	\$9,400,553.00		
Land Use Change	33,140.00		
Yield	1,215.09		
Excavation/yard	717.84		
Utility Charge	141,955.00		
Other			
<b>Overpayment</b>			
Property Tax	264.00	3,039.50	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Sewer Tax			
Ins. Funds Fee	75.00	25.00	
Interest - Late Tax	6,040.07	34,798.83	
Total Debits	\$9,583,960.00	\$686,763.08	
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>			
Property Tax	\$8,836,306.33	\$622,497.39	
Land Use Change	29,640.00	13,300.00	
Yield	750.35	448.38	
Interest & Costs	6,040.07	34,798.83	
Excavation Tax	717.84		
Utility Charge	126,400.57	15,682.48	
Conversion to Lien			

Bounced Check	50.00	25.00	
Other			
<b>Abatements</b>			
Property Tax	366.91	11.00	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Utility Charge			
Interest			
Adjustment			
<b>Deeded to Town</b>			
<b>Uncollected Tax</b>			
<b>EOY</b>			
Property Tax	564,143.76		
Land Use Change	3,500.00		
Yield	464.74		
Excavation/yard			
Interest			
Utility Charge	15,554.43		
Bounced Check	25.00		
Total Credits	\$9,583,960.00	\$686,763.08	
<b>Levies Of</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Prior</b>
Unredeemed liens at start of Year		\$149,463.17	\$58,499.23
Liens Executed During	\$203,909.24		
Interest & Costs	5,084.19	9,373.32	20,942.71
Mortgage Research Costs		1628.00	469.32
Bad Check Chg	25.00		
Total Debits	\$209,018.43	\$160,464.49	\$79,911.26
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>			
Redemptions	\$86,762.04	\$57,007.98	\$58,499.23
Interest & Costs	5,084.19	9,373.32	20,942.71
Mortgage Research Costs		670.19	469.32
Bad Check Chg	25.00		
Deeded to Town			



Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		97.04	
Unredeemed Mortgage Research Costs		912.81	
Unredeemed Liens at End of Year	117,147.20	92,403.15	0
Total Credits	\$209,018.43	\$160,464.49	\$79,911.26



*A beautiful night at the harbor.  
Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford*

## **Newbury Assessor's Office**

In 2008, the assessing department completed an update started in 2006, three years after the full revaluation. This data gives the town a solid basis to use going forward in future assessments. This year, appeals have been very low as we continue to adjust assessments when needed or assist the taxpayer when they are already fairly assessed. In either case, one of our goals is to inform the public on an ongoing basis. No one likes paying taxes, but if property owners feel they are being treated fairly and are receiving answers to their questions, paying the bill becomes a little more palatable.

Taxpayers sometimes believe the only mechanism to challenge their tax bill is through the assessment. In fact, the only function we perform is how the total pie (state education, local school, county and municipal budgets) is divided based on assessed values. The assessment function is a totally separate process from the budget process. We are regularly monitoring the relationship between assessment and sales price. The goal is to keep all classes of property (low value, high value, waterfront, non-waterfront and vacant land) at a similar assessment-to-sale price relationship.

The state of New Hampshire annually performs ratio studies in every community within the state. The purpose is to determine the overall ratio (assessment divided by sale price) of all arm's length sales occurring over a one-year period. Second, they calculate a COD (coefficient of dispersion). This number measures assessment equity or overall fairness. The closer the COD is to zero the better. An acceptable standard for a community with our characteristics is for the COD to be less than 20%. The most recent study for 2008 indicated a COD of 16.2%. This number indicates that, overall, property owners are being fairly assessed. On average, properties are being assessed at 94.5% of their sale price. In 2007, properties were being assessed at 91.3% of their sale price. This indicates the

market has retreated slightly which should be expected given the current economic climate.

When I first arrived here, our data showed the market to be on a slight increase. It appeared in the middle of 2006 that the real estate market was showing signs of leveling off while news from many parts of the country was not good. The good news for our region was that we were not a big part of the sub-prime mortgage crisis that was prevalent in other parts of the country. The southern tier of our state and southern New England seemed to be more involved in this crisis. This has caused a cooling of our market because of the perception that real estate values are declining. That is not so in our area.

The numbers indicate that our assessments are performing well overall in the tri-town area of Newbury, Sunapee and New London. On average, we are assessing properties between 87% and 94% of market value. This means that if you have a home that is assessed at \$300,000, the market value is on the average showing your property worth between \$319,200 and \$344,500 respectively. The equation is to take your present assessment and divide it by the assessment ratio. The number will give you an indication of average market value for your property. In the three communities approximately 50% of the taxable value is from waterfront property. Based on our statistics over the past year, waterfront property is performing on an even par with other classes. In other words, their common level of assessment as compared to non-waterfront properties is consistent.

In conclusion, I believe our communities are influenced from factors outside of our control but these factors do not control our local market as some would like to believe. The assessor's office constantly monitors the real estate market and if the time ever comes to adjust values downward we are poised to do so. In my opinion, the data suggest this is not the case. Again, we will monitor the market and make appropriate adjustments if



and when necessary to maintain fairness and equity among all classes and types of property.

I have created a mission statement for the tri-town assessing office which applies to Newbury. I have included it herein and it is available on the town's web site.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

### **Services Provided:**

The tri-town assessing staff provides professional and technical services to the three member towns including Sunapee, New London and Newbury. The department is responsible for discovering, identifying, and valuing all real estate within town boundaries. The department provides real estate data including property record cards, maps (hard copy or GIS), specialized reports, ownership information, explanation of the assessment process, and various other information services. The department manages an assessment roll of about 8,377 parcels totaling almost three billion dollars in property value.

### **Department Objectives:**

- Maintain fair and equitable assessments.
- Provide a high level of customer service.
- Perform assessment function within budget.
- Comply with state standards, laws and rules.
- Conduct town business in an ethical manner.
- Address abatement requests in a timely and professional manner.
- Adequately defend assessments.
- Provide statutorily required reports in a timely manner.
- Value property on an annual basis.
- Process property ownership changes.
- Expand staff knowledge base in the appraisal/assessment field.
- Assist other town departments with vital data and analysis.

Provide digital information, via the internet, including assessment data.

Ensure that the taxpayer is well informed.

Provide the best possible assessing program in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens for the opportunity to serve you over the past three and half years. I look forward to a cooperative and amicable relationship for many years to come. I would also like to thank my very capable staff, Denise Walter (assessing assistant) and Kris McAllister (assistant assessor) who are both very capable and dedicated employees who make my job easier. If you have any questions regarding how assessments are done or about your particular assessment please feel free to call or stop by the office in town office. Also, please take the opportunity to review your property record file every few years, or at a minimum your property record card where the information used to calculate your assessment is depicted.

*Normand Bernaiche, Town Assessor*



*Norm showing off his raffle  
prize from the holiday party.  
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

**Summary Inventory of Valuation  
2008 Assessed Valuation**

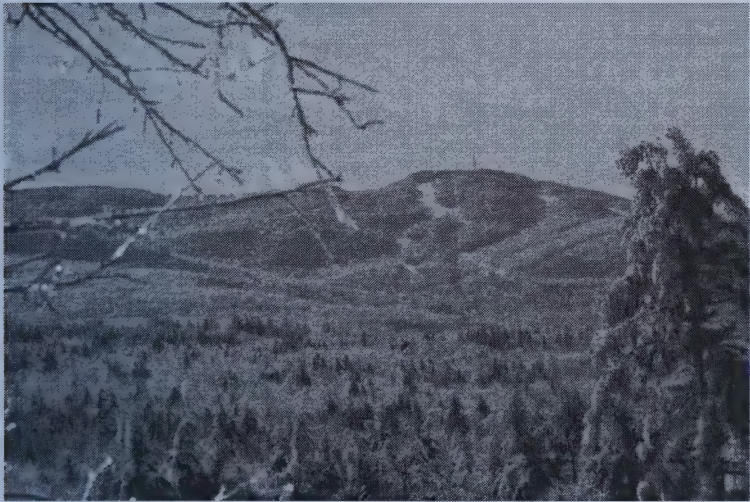
<b>Value of Land Only</b>			
	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Current Use	11,379	\$1,087,187	
Residential	10,352.92	\$359,012,360	
Commercial/Industrial	1,708.65	\$9,280,540	
Total of Taxable Land	18,832.66		<b>\$369,380,087</b>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	4,607.91	(\$40,614,592)	
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>			
Residential		\$302,090,360	
Manufactured Housing		\$402,300	
Commercial/Industrial		\$23,733,240	
Total of Taxable Buildings			<b>\$326,225,900</b>
Tax Exempt & Non Taxable		(\$5,755,800)	
<b>Public Utilities</b>			
Electric			<b>\$5,000,000</b>
Water			
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>			<b>\$700,605,987</b>
Blind Exemptions (Number: 1)		\$15,000	<b>\$15,000</b>
Elderly Exemptions (Number: 5)		\$195,000	<b>\$195,000</b>
Wood Heating Exemptions (Number: 6)		\$450	<b>\$450</b>
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			<b>\$210,450</b>
<b>Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed</b>			<b>\$700,395,537</b>



<b>Revenues Received From</b>			
Payments in Lieu of Taxes			
State and Federal Forest Land Recreation and/or Flood Control Land		\$1,218.70	

**Tax Credit**

	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Tax Credit</b>
Totally and Permanently Disabled	\$2,000	4	\$8,000
Veterans, Spouses, and Widows	\$500	117	\$58,500
Total War Service Credits		121	\$66,500



*After the December ice storm.  
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

## Inventory of Town Property

Location	Assessed Value	Use
365 Bowles Road	\$89,000	sewer garage
Stone Wall Lane	35,100	vacant land
44 Pine St.	107,600	Blodgett Fire Stat.
Washington St.	11,100	vacant land
Washington St.	11,100	vacant land
34 Lake Ave.	150,000	pumping station
Park 10 Rd.	1,500	vacant land
927 Route 103	239,000	Bald Sunapee
933 Route 103	397,200	Library
937 Route 103	632,200	Town Office
Route 103	110,400	vacant land
Route 103A	813,000	Lakeside Cemetery
Off Route 103	4,800	vacant land
952 Route 103	633,500	Safety Services
967 Route 103	620,100	Town dock
977 Route 103	675,000	Beach/Train station
919 Route 103	169,500	Camacho property
Route 103	931,800	Info booth/Caboose
Lakeview Ave.	31,300	vacant land
Stoney Brook Rd.	32,500	cemetery
Baker Hill Rd.	37,700	cemetery
6 Stoney Brook Rd.	6,000	vacant land
Chalk Pond Rd.	5,000	vacant land
Blodgett Brook Rd.	53,300	vacant land
Skytop Drive	19,600	vacant land
Bartlett Road	17,200	vacant land
Off Province Rd.	33,100	cemetery
Old Post Rd.	380,200	Fishersfield
Route 103	4,200	vacant land
Route 103	2,800	vacant land
Mountain Rd.	41,300	vacant land
Newell Rd.	47,000	cemetery

Pleasant View/South Rds	55,600	cemetery
20 Sutton Rd.	132,700	old highway shed
7 Sutton Rd.	59,100	Hearse House
137 Village Rd.	141,200	Grange Hall
133 Village Road	207,200	Sherman Hall
Village Road	23,400	vacant land
35 South Rd.	9,700	vacant land
Southgate Rd.	38,200	vacant land
Brookside Rd.	3,300	vacant land
201 Old Post Rd.	101,200	Transfer Station
Rt. 103, Old Province Rd.	70,600	vacant land
South Rd.	790,700	Highway Garage
Old County Rd. South	51,800	vacant land
50 South Rd.	34,400	vacant land
Newbury Traffic Circle	50,100	vacant land

Note: Vacant land includes dry hydrant locations, easements, retention ponds, etc.



*The Veterans Hall decorated by the  
Newbury Beautification Committee.  
Photo courtesy Cheron Barton*



## **Budget Committee**

The town budget committee is responsible for the preparation of the town budget and its attendant warrant articles for the ensuing fiscal year. It meets in public session as a portion of the regularly scheduled board of selectmen meetings from November until the public hearing in February. It is comprised of the board of selectmen, the town administrator, and three appointed Newbury residents.

The committee thoroughly reviews the individual line-item budget proposals as submitted by each of the municipal departments, boards, trustees, and commissions. In most cases, the department head or representative chairperson is present during the scheduled review session. During the procedure, the budget proposals undergo a comparative analysis with previous and current budgets. The proposals may or may not be altered by the consensus of the committee. The final budgets are then approved by the board of selectmen for presentation at the annual town meeting.

This year the committee made an earnest effort to create a reasonable and practical budget, keeping in mind the growing needs of the town and the current national and local economic climate. Thanks to the concerted efforts of all involved, the committee was able to develop a flat growth budget proposal for 2009. Therefore, the budget committee recommends passage of the budget and warrant articles as submitted by the board of selectmen.

*Jim Powell, Richard Wright, Gary Budd, Ivor Freeman,  
Joy Nowell, Tom Vannatta, and Dennis Pavlicek*

## **Newbury Public Library**

"A library is a feast to which we are all invited!" (Katherine Paterson)

The library was an incredibly busy place in 2008, with checkouts up 15% and patrons visits up 22% compared to 2007. Newbury library was not alone. Across the region, public libraries reported an increase in use, a trend officials tied directly to the economic downturn.

### **The Collection**

At year's end, the library had 15,372 items on its shelves. During the year, 901 items were added and 129 withdrawn. The collection includes 43 periodical titles, 1,493 videos and 772 audio books.

### **Patrons**

The library had 2,047 registered patrons and served 213 other public libraries through the New Hampshire interlibrary loan program.

### **Patron Visits and Checkouts, 2008**

The library saw a significant increase in patron visits, checkouts, and interlibrary loans in 2008.

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Patron visits	17,740	14,557	14,251	13,381
Checkouts	21,263	18,807	18,242	17,935

## Interlibrary Loan

Borrowing: 752

Lending: 378

## Programs, 2008

### Reading Discussions

January:	<i>The Woman Who Ran for President</i> by Lois Beachy Underhill Discussion leader: Liz Tentarelli
February:	<i>The Chocolate War</i> by Robert Cormier Discussion leader: Nancy Marashio
March:	<i>Middlesex</i> by Jeffrey Eugenides Discussion leader: Greg Johnson
May:	<i>Crashing Through</i> by Robert Kurson Discussion leader: Tom Forry
June:	<i>The Good Good Pig</i> by Sy Montgomery Discussion leader: Mike Moss
July:	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night</i> by Mark Haddon Discussion leader: Group
September:	<i>The Tortilla Curtain</i> by T.C. Boyle Discussion leader: Bette Cruikshank
October:	<i>The Sisterhood</i> by Michael Palmer Discussion leader: Tom Forry
December:	<i>Terrorist</i> by John Updike Discussion leader: Greg Johnson

### Guest Author Visits

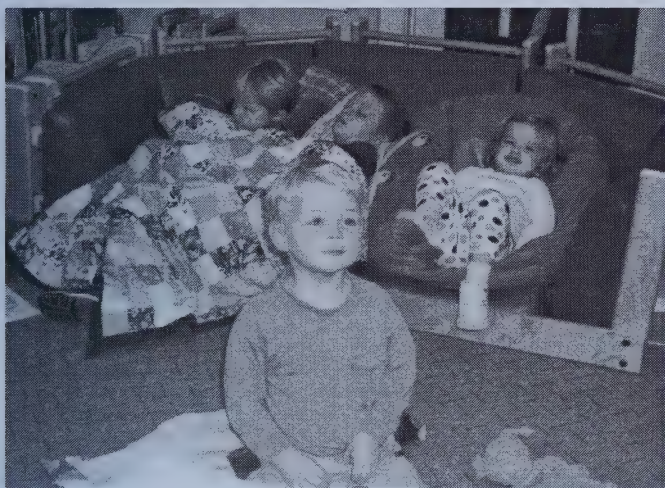
New Hampshire Poet Laureate Patricia Fargnoli and Newbury's own poet Dianalee Velie held a highly spirited poetry reading. This kick-off to April's poetry month was attended by 23 aspiring poets.



On November 2, famed climber Rick Wilcox, leader of the first successful New England team to summit Mt. Everest, gave a talk and slide presentation featuring highlights from the 1991 expedition. Over 80 Newbury residents and friends joined Rick on this journey to the top of the world. Rick Wilcox is the co-author of *An Ice Climber's Guide to Northern New England*.

### Cultural Programs

Newbury poet Dianalee Velie acted as moderator of our monthly Poetry Jam. This new program experienced exciting growth over the past year.



*Cole Noyer (front) and Camden Dezotell, Matthew Noyer and Carlie Thayer (back) enjoy the summer PJ story time party.  
Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*

### Preschool Story Hour

Preschool story hour was held every Wednesday in 2008. Average attendance was 16 children and 10 adults. Children's librarian Jane Moss, along with favorite puppet Teddy, read stories and engaged the children in song, finger plays and

movement activities focusing on language development. The story-hour kids also enjoyed nature programs with special guest Kathleen Stowell, naturalist from the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, and an October visit from Susan Cancio-Bello filled with music, movement and spooky Halloween fun.

### Summer Reading Programs

“Stories and Ice Cream for Hot Summer Days” - The summer’s reading program for children in grades 1 through 5 ran on Wednesday afternoons during July and August with book readings, craft activities and ice cream. Liz Tentarelli and Christy LeBoeuf, both volunteers, conducted the program. The average attendance was 18 children.

### Young Adult (YA)

Janet Rucker, the young-adult librarian, encouraged students in the YA summer reading program. Students in grades 6 through 12 earned “library bucks” for pages read. At the end of the summer a grand total of 17, 549 pages had been read. The group celebrated their reading success with a pizza party and silent auction.

### **Family Programs**

“Junior Zoo Keeper” – This hands-on program presented by Wild Life Encounters, traveling live-animal educators, provided 59 children and 35 adults with an opportunity to see, touch and learn about several unique mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.

“Fun with French” – Delphine Hill taught French through stories, songs and games to children in grades 1-5. Both summer sessions were full and had waiting lists.

“Supper Time Stories for Summer Evenings” – The library invited the community to join us for family fun, stories and inspired silliness. The following programs were held on four Monday evenings during the summer: *Family Jam Sing Along* with Susan Cancio-Bello; *Night-Time Animals in Our Back Yard* with Kathleen Stowell; *PJ Party! Bedtime Stories and Lullabies*; and *It’s the Berries! Stories, Crafts, and Sweet Berry Snacks* with children’s librarian Jane Moss.

“Paws-to-Read” – Children (ages 5 and above) were invited to participate in a program to improve their literacy skills with the assistance of a certified canine companion and her handler, Sheila Sabo.

“CLiF Grant Assembly” – Library trustee Liz Tentarelli, library director Rosie Johnson, and Duncan McDougall of the Children’s Literacy Foundation, along with area children, celebrated the arrival of 72 new children’s books with a lively assembly at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford. We would like to thank Duncan McDougall for his enthusiastic storytelling. Community outreach plays a very important role in getting books into the hands of children. Shortly after his presentation at the elementary school, we had several families stop by the library with children eager to check out the new books.

This grant, valued at \$2,000, was generously given by The CLiF Foundation and the Barrette Family of Hanover.

“December Family Fun Day” – Over 65 children and adults enjoyed holiday stories read by children’s librarian Jane Moss. Children and their parents had great fun making gingerbread houses, creating festive ornaments, and decorating cookies and cupcakes.



## **Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc.**

This year the Friends of the Newbury Library, a non-profit organization, helped contribute to the library by funding the following programs: Wildlife Zoo Encounters, Paws to Read, Fun with French, the children's summer reading program, and the Rick Wilcox Mount Everest presentation. The Friends also purchased all of the new DVDs and books on CD for the library as well as contributed to the book budget. The Friends of the Library officers are Liz Moulton, president; Ken Tentarelli, treasurer; Mickey Noyer, secretary; and Suzanne Levine, director. The annual meeting is held in the fall and anyone who would like to attend is welcome. The Friends raise funds for the library through their membership dues and their annual book and bake sale held on Memorial Day weekend. This year the Friends also had a smaller book sale at Old Home Day. The Friends encourage library users to join (only \$12 per family per year), thus ensuring continued quality programs and acquisitions.



*Ashlyn Henderson enjoys making a gingerbread house at the library.  
Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*

## **Volunteers**

Volunteers helped with all aspects of library operations. Volunteers in 2008 were Regina Almond-Albro, Dave Barden, Bob Bergeron, Pam Bryk, Susan Crickman, Den Danna, Don Falkowski, Julia Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Kelly Fayton, Tom Forry, Judy Hale, Stu Hale, Dianne Heller, Greg Johnson, Jackie Keegan, Mackenzie Keegan, Christy LeBoeuf, Suzanne Levine, Alice Lynn, Nancy Marashio, Bruce Marquis, Jane Moss, Mike Moss, Frank Perrotta, Krystina Pulaski, Janet Rucker, Sheila Sabo, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Sharon Tentarelli, Heidi Thoma, Dianalee Velie, Sally Wilson, Bev Wolf and Dan Wolf. For the year, volunteers contributed over 500 hours of labor, or over 10 hours per week.

## **Special Thanks**

The Newbury Public Library would like to thank the very talented and generous Mackenzie Keegan. The sale of her beautiful handmade bookmarks enabled the library to purchase 30 New Beginning Chapter Books. Mackenzie made lots of beginning readers very happy.

Kudos to the community for supporting Mackenzie's efforts and making this fundraiser a great success.

The Library would also like to thank outgoing trustees Regina Almond-Albro, president, and Paula Falkowski, treasurer, for their hard work and dedication.

## **Wireless Internet Access**

High-speed wireless access is available. Many people are using this, including our summer visitors. To avoid waiting for a free computer, many users are bringing their own laptops.

## Computer Lessons

Ken Tentarelli offered free individualized computer and Internet lessons.

## Disabled Access

The library is wheelchair accessible and delivers materials to the homebound upon request.

Visit your library. The trustees and staff invite the Newbury community to use the library. Most services are free. For more information, call 763-5803, or go to the library's web site at <http://newburylibrary.net/>.

*Rosie Johnson, Librarian*



*Librarian Janet Rucker and Lexi Bryk have fun during the silent auction for the summer teen reading program.*

*Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*



## Newbury Historical Society

The Historical Society has completed several projects and many new programs are currently under way. One of our major accomplishments this year has been the completion of a pictorial history book of Newbury. The book, titled *Newbury*, will cover the town's history from the time of incorporation in 1778 through the 1978 bicentennial. Historical society member Shelly Candidus was responsible for writing all the text and Bill Weiler provided pictures and documentation from our archives. These two dedicated individuals spent hours making this pictorial history book a reality. The society also thanks the following who contributed pictures and input for this book: Judy and Wayne LaPorte, Donna Long, Dennis Pavlicek, and Gay and Marty Sheary. The book will be for sale in July at Newbury's Old Home Day celebration.

At the 2008 town meeting, voters approved the society's request for funds to be used toward the first phase of our long-term project to improve storage of our collections and to generate a computer catalog of our holdings. This money allocated by the town, along with funds from an anonymous donor, allowed the society to hire a group of archivists from Museum and Collection Resource. This group reorganized and restored materials, as well as created an inventory. We were fortunate to purchase almost all of the needed supplies with unexpended funds from the Moose Plate grant to conserve Book C.

The society completed the first phase of the historic marker project, which identifies Newbury homes built between circa 1790 and circa 1899. Nineteen residential property owners responded to this project by researching and authenticating the dates their homes were built. These residents were presented with a wooden dated sign for their homes. In addition, these handsome signs were hung on two town-owned properties in Newbury: the old town hall building on Village Road, circa 1876, and the train station on Route 103, circa 1871. Diana

Morris, chair, Rich Cole and Judy Healey were responsible for kicking off the first phase of this ongoing project. Gay and Marty Sheary will be ongoing co-chairs.

The society was successful in implementing a website under the guidance of Bruce Healey, chair. Other committee members included Rich Cole, Bob Morris and Margie and Bill Weiler. We were fortunate to be assisted on a pro-bono basis by Symbolic, Inc., who helped with our web strategy, design and functionality. The website was launched on October 15<sup>th</sup> and provides information regarding the society, news announcements and ways to support our endeavors. Please visit our website to see hours that Sherman Hall will be open for visitors.



*Diana Morris and Elizabeth Folsom pose with the date sign that will adorn Elizabeth's house.*

*Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

This year found the society participating in a year-long historical collaboration with Partners Around Lake Sunapee (PALS). The theme, '*Hosting our Summer Guests: The 1880s - 1930s*', was addressed in a series of events, lectures and exhibits highlighting how our summer guests arrived, their

stays and activities enjoyed. Newbury's exhibit, '*Riding the Rails to the Lake*', centered on the train station and the Bell Cove caboose. The exhibit focused on the rich history that the railroad played in that era. We will again combine our efforts in 2009 when we will feature a program named '*Then and Now: Around Lake Sunapee*'. Newbury Historical Society is pleased to sponsor Tracy Messer as he presents a revised and expanded version of '*Vanishing Newbury*' on Sunday, August 2, 2009.

The annual meeting held in July was called to order by president William Weiler. The treasurer, Margie Weiler, presented the treasury report as \$10,157.62 for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2008. The membership report listed a total of 101 members, with eleven individual members, 53 family memberships, 33 life members and 4 business members. The membership elected Shelly Candidus for a three-year term as director and re-elected incumbents Dennis Pavlicek and Barbara Steward to three-year terms.

At the September meeting the Board of Directors elected the following officers: president, Robert Morris; vice president, Barbara Steward; treasurer, Margie Weiler and secretary, Mary Thayer. The board also established an archive committee and Bill Weiler was elected chair of this committee.

The society continued its tradition of passing along the Newbury bicentennial cane to the eldest resident by presenting the cane to William Schroeder in October. Our distinguished resident was born in New Jersey in 1913 and has resided in Newbury since 1982 with his wife, Marilyn. The Schroeders have two children, William Jr. of Newbury and Marian of Naples, Florida.

In November, the historical society voted and approved to extend the information gathering by holding '*Remember When*' sessions. Shelly Candidus and Barbara Steward will be hosting open forums in which townspeople will come together



to share their stories of past events and life in Newbury. These forums will be publicized as the dates get closer.

The society will meet on the following Thursdays: January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and June 18<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will be held at the town office at 7:00 p.m. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., the location to be announced. We invite and encourage all residents to attend meetings and become a part of our historical society endeavors, sharing your ideas for programs and projects.

*Robert Morris, President 763-5859*

*Officers: Barbara Steward, vice president; Margaret Weiler, treasurer, and Mary Thayer, secretary.*

*Directors: Shelly Candidus, Deane Geddes, Alice Lynn, Dennis Pavlicek, and William Weiler*



*Bob Morris, Marilyn Schroeder, William Schroeder and Jim Powell pose with the Newbury bicentennial cane given to William.*

*Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

## Center Meeting House

In 2008, the big news for the Center Meeting House was the continuing restoration process that was begun several years ago and the beginnings of programs designed to fulfill the CMH vision. Stories of progress and plans were documented in our second annual newsletter that was mailed to every property owner early in December. If you didn't receive your copy please drop us a note with your preferred mailing address to PO Box 50, Newbury, NH 03255.

Work continued "to conserve the Center Meeting House for future generations." Bill Weiler wrote in the newsletter, "Replacement of the trusses and the removal of the bell tower provided some entertaining and exciting viewing." While these activities drew crowds of interested viewers because of the scale of the operations, other activities went on as well. The windows have been restored and boarded up to shield the original interior paint work from the sun's destruction. We patiently await funding to restore the shutters. Some of the clapboards have been replaced and the old ones were carefully removed according to strict regulations. This kind of detail work does not have the excitement of seeing the building raised to place a new foundation under it.

The vision of the Center Meeting House is to make it a center of activities that will unite and enrich our community. The highlight for our year was the Elisabeth von Trapp concert held at Mount Sunapee's Spruce Lodge. Over 200 people were enthralled by Elisabeth and her accompanist Erich Kory. We held our third annual Thanksgiving Celebration with the continuing support of the Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC). We worked with NBC who hosted the ceremony to light the tree on the corner of the CMH property. NBC and CMH jointly sold a holiday pewter ornament made by Jonathan Gibson.

Going forward, it is our earnest plan for 2009 to raise the money necessary to restore and replace the bell tower atop the CMH. Your continued support will make this happen. Plans are afoot to present a free concert by a world-renowned band on the night before Newbury's Old Home Day. Stay tuned on this one. Historic lake homes and farms will be featured in a tour of Newbury's "*Historic Treasures: Our Lake Lodges and Farmhouses*" on August 15th. The preceding night we will hold a gala on the grounds of the Stone Barn on Route 103A. Tours for attendees will be provided.

We wish to thank all who have helped us to get this far. We can't rest until the CMH has been fully restored and exciting programs are taking place again within its "hallowed halls." Dan Wolf's words ring true for us all, "The Center Meeting House is returning to its place as the center of life in Newbury."

*Doug Whelan*



*Renovations to the Center  
Meeting House in the spring.  
Photo courtesy Donna Long*



## **Transfer Station**

The residents of Newbury did a good job recycling this year at the transfer station. They are definitely taking the process to heart.

There were a few useful additions that occurred at the transfer station in 2008. The first was an increase in signs that made the process a little easier for residents to see what and where recyclable products should be placed. The second was the addition of some concrete pads that help stabilize the recycle bins. Our last addition was to our staff at the transfer station. This past spring Bob Lumibao joined us and has been a tremendous help at the transfer station.

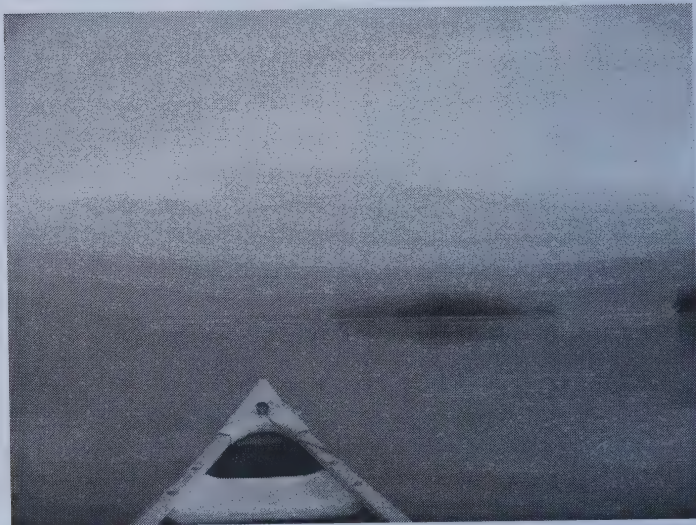
This is the first full year of plastic and tin can recycling. There has been a big increase in this recycling throughout the year.

The transfer station hours of operation are: Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The fees for disposal of the following waste are: Construction and demolition \$30 per half or small pick-up, \$50 for full-size pick-up, \$60 per one-ton truck; \$10 for stoves, heaters, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, convection ovens, or water heaters; \$25 for air conditioners, refrigerators, or freezers (doors must be removed); \$3 for propane tanks, \$3 for tires less than 16", \$10 for tires 16" and greater, \$10 for TVs and monitors less than 19", \$5 for CPUs and printers, \$10 for stereo systems and \$5 for VCRs and table radios.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Newbury for their ongoing support in our recycling efforts.

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Trash (tons)	899.34	882.91	841.74	753.68
Demo (tons)	237.12	225.47	212.49	243.27
Paper (tons)	91.29	53.04	92.72	43.18
Cardboard (tons)	15.94	15.4	42.57	14.47
Aluminum (tons)	2.598	2.11	2.57	1.65
Steel (tons)	93.77	83.14	65.09	46.51
Batteries (tons)	2.2222	0	1.76	.84
Co-mingled Container Plastics & Tin Cans (tons)		3.6	14.65	20.49
Electronics (tons)			4.16	3.72
Glass (tons)			8.25	3.35
Compost yard waste (cubic yards)			60	64

*Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator*  
*Will Willis, Assistant*  
*Bob Lumibao, Attendant*



*Early morning fog on Lake Sunapee.*  
*Photo courtesy Kathryn Holmes*

## Information Booth

Visitors to the information booth continue to hail from all over the world. Many remark on the serene beauty of our area and the feeling of history.

In this day and age of a price on everything, we are proud to offer the picnic area, train museum, and town beach to our visitors, free of charge. It's a pleasure to support area businesses as they care for the needs of our visitors. We are here at the information booth to hand out smiles, brochures, and help to our visitors.

We look forward to a new season beginning Memorial Day 2009.

*Martha von Redlich, Jane Johnsen and Charles Killam*



*Logan Seaholm, Melynda Seaholm, and Alex von Svoboda stand on top of a hill of mulch during the volunteer day at the Velie Memorial Playground.*

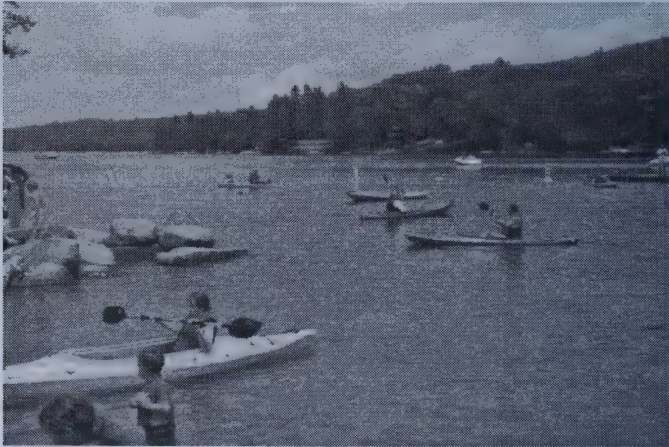
*Photo courtesy Holly von Svoboda*



## Parks and Recreation

2008 saw the realization of a major project combining recreation and conservation with the grand opening of Fishersfield Recreation Area. On Old Home Day, the local Boy Scout troop helped Newbury dedicate the park along with many citizens who had been instrumental in bringing this project to completion.

Fishersfield is a multi-use facility featuring an athletic field, tennis court, basketball court, and a volleyball court. Along with snack shack facilities and public restrooms, this area covers over 94 acres. In the back where the terrain becomes much steeper, there is an abundance of hiking trails, cross-country and snowshoe trails. There is also a pond stocked with catch-and-release brook trout and many historical remnants of Colburn Farm, one of Newbury's first working sheep farms. The trail system features many opportunities to see geologic formations left behind by receding glaciers. Also on the trails you can see how this property is a true microcosm of a working watershed, with high ridges on the back of the property, and various drainage streams that lead to a pond before joining new streams that continue to South Newbury.



*Kayakers enjoy the day in the harbor during Old Home Day.  
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

Many tours have been given throughout the recreation area, including the SRK Greenway, Council on Aging recreation group, the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts. We hope that many more groups and local schools will begin to use these areas for the educational and wellness opportunities that they provide.



*Cub Scout den #69 hiked through the trails at the Fishersfield Recreation Area this past fall. Shown under a rock formation on the trail (l to r): Corbin Montminy, Brady Lombard, Joseph Baldasaro, Christopher Schnyer, Jacob Long, Ben Corbyn, Jacob Dupuis, Brodie Lavoie and Travis Dezotell.*

*Photo courtesy Donna Long*

In the future, plans include improvements to the trail system, the opening of the athletic field, and preparation of the upper field area to be used for a baseball/softball field.

The programs offered this year were met with much support. Many children were enrolled in the swim program, as well as the recreation and ecology camp at the Fells. Both of these programs tripled in enrollment from 2007 to 2008. A new program, *Mom's Afternoon Off* camp, was held every Tuesday afternoon for the summer months. This camp made use of

Fishersfield, the Velie Memorial Playground and the Newbury harbor town beach area. Staff received certification in life guarding, rescue breathing, CPR, first aid, waterfront safety and playground safety training. Many thanks to John Forrestall, Devon Lee and Kelsey Lee for keeping our children entertained and safe. Their hard work is commendable. A partnership between Newbury recreation and the Fells has been very rewarding and adds to the strength of our community.

In 2009, look for these program expansions and additions:

- ❖ A second day added to the Mom's camp (Thursday)
- ❖ An additional week of camp at the Fells (theme to be determined)
- ❖ A youth soccer camp, designed to complement the programs which BNSYS is now offering
- ❖ School-oriented park tours
- ❖ We are also trying to gauge interest in starting up leagues for tennis, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes and bocce

Please call Travis Dezotell at 763-4940 ext. 210 or email to [travis@newburynh.org](mailto:travis@newburynh.org) for further information.

*Travis Dezotell, Recreation Coordinator  
Old Home Day 2008 –Photos courtesy Donna Long.*



*An athlete in the triathlon.*



*The colonial encampment.*



## **Kearsarge Area Preschool**

The Kearsarge Area Preschool proudly celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. Established by local families in 1968 as the Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool, the school served children of Bradford and Newbury. In 2001, the organization's name changed to the Kearsarge Area Preschool, expanding enrollment opportunities to children throughout the entire Kearsarge Regional School District. The preschool takes great pleasure in providing an affordable, high-quality early childhood program.

Early in 2008, the preschool's board of directors recognized the changing dynamics of our area and began discussing ways to better serve the community. As a result, the preschool expanded its program and now offers early morning, preschool and afternoon sessions. The curriculum promotes social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth through developmentally appropriate materials and activities. In addition, the preschool has introduced an enrichment component to its curriculum that focuses on art, music and movement.

We continue to view our community as an extension of our classroom and explore all that it has to offer. In the spring, the preschool visited Eccardt Farm where children saw a variety of farm animals. In good weather, preschoolers could regularly be seen walking to the Brown Memorial Library for story time. They took a trip to the Bradford fire department where they learned all about the equipment used to fight fires. Our class visited several times with the seniors in the Mountain View Senior Center – our across-the-hall neighbors in the Bradford Area Community Center. Children made cards and presented them to the seniors on Grandparents Day and trick-or-treated at Halloween. In the fall, children, teachers and parent volunteers

picked apples then explored the many uses of apples. Once again, families and staff collected items for two Thanksgiving baskets that were distributed by a local church to families in need.

Over the summer, Kearsarge Area Preschool bid a fond farewell to Lyn Betz and Melissa Gambino, both of whom moved on to new and exciting opportunities. We were delighted to welcome two new teachers to our preschool family. Sasha Saxon returned to the Bradford area after twelve years working with preschoolers in the Concord area. She has brought many exciting new ideas to the preschool. Assisting her in the classroom is Jessica Hearne. Jessica has been involved with the Preschool for many years as a parent and we are fortunate she is now sharing her early childhood skill and experience in our classroom.

With lots of hard work, the preschool has overcome the challenges of the previous year. We have an active and involved group of parents and board members who have made numerous fundraising and community activities possible. The preschool held a successful spring dinner and silent auction as well as two other fundraisers. We were able to sponsor a craft table and assist with a number of activities at Bradford Fun Day. On Halloween, the preschool offered crafts projects and Halloween fun to youngsters trick-or-treating at the community center. We had hoped to hold our second annual breakfast with Santa, easily last year's most popular event, but sadly we were forced to cancel due to the ice storm.

We are grateful to our community for its interest in and support of our program as we provide an exciting and positive first school experience for our young learners. We are also deeply appreciative to the town of Bradford for keeping our home in the Bradford Area Community Center affordable and to the town of Newbury for its continued financial support.

You can learn more about the preschool and find application materials on our website, [www.kearsargeareapreschool.org](http://www.kearsargeareapreschool.org). Families with interest in the 2009-2010 school year (and beyond) are encouraged to join current families in planning for our future.

*Karen Hambleton, President, Board of Directors*

*2008-2009 Board of Directors*

*Catherine Seabury – vice president*

*Amber Dennisto – treasurer*

*Mary Ann Wright – secretary*

*Gwen Ware – officer*



*The children visited the Bradford Fire Department and received a tour as well as tried on the firemen's hats.*

*Photo courtesy Karen Hambleton*



## **Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports**

In 2008, Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) provided team-based athletic opportunities for area youth. In the spring and summer, there were 155 participants in the baseball and softball programs comprising twelve teams ranging from t-ball to U-12 softball. There were eight scholarships given to families in need.

This year, the Babe Ruth and thirteen prep programs were combined with all the towns in the Kearsarge Regional School District. BNSYS was a strong supporter of the newly founded program, participating at a board and coaching level as well as contributing at a financial level.

In the spring of 2008, BNSYS hosted the third annual 100-inning game. This fundraising event to kick-off the start of the baseball and softball seasons was once again a huge success. BNSYS plans to continue hosting this event this coming spring.

In the fall, the soccer program welcomed 130 children participating on eleven teams, and an additional six scholarships were given to those in need to ensure that every child who wanted to participate could do so. It is exciting to continue to maintain such healthy participation from our area youth.

Once again, the major league camp came to provide instruction to over 60 kids. We thank all those who opened up their homes to help sponsor these coaches. The soccer camp continues to be a great success.

Last year, BNSYS continued to upgrade the infrastructure at our Warren Brook facility, as well as improvements to the elementary school field and the Brown-Shattuck field. We very much appreciate the generous support of the towns and

individuals helping us to provide a great environment for our kids to participate in youth athletics.

Some of the improvements accomplished were:

- ❖ Improvements were made to the new storage and maintenance facility at Warren Brook Park.
- ❖ Additional fencing was erected at the softball field.
- ❖ Maintenance and upkeep were provided at all the dugouts and snack shacks at Warren Brook, the elementary school and Brown-Shattuck facilities.
- ❖ New uniforms and equipment were provided for both the baseball and softball teams.
- ❖ Aeration and fertilizing took place on all the fields at Warren Brook Park.

Once again, thank you to all who provided financial support as well as to those providing materials and labor to accomplish our goals.



*Christopher Schnyer is ready to  
play ball.*

*Photo courtesy Donna Long*

The 2008 golf tournament took place at the Country Club of New Hampshire. This year's event surpassed the success of all past years. The weather was cooperative with warm temperatures and brilliant sunshine. I would like to thank all those who contributed and participated in this annual fund-raising event. We would like to give a special thanks to Jill Firstbrook for her hard work in organizing this event.

BNSYS is fortunate to have wonderful facilities available to us. Warren Brook Park, where our baseball, t-ball, softball and soccer games are played is owned by the organization. Our baseball and soccer games for the younger children are played, at the elementary school and Brown-Shattuck fields in Bradford. BNSYS maintains all of these facilities during the sport seasons.

BNSYS is a volunteer non-profit organization that relies heavily on community support. Most of this support comes from contributions from individuals, families and local businesses. Support from the towns is necessary in order for BNSYS to meet its objectives, and we are grateful. It is our continued goal to provide the best quality sports opportunities to our area youth, while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation.

*Jay Tucker, President  
Board of Directors*

*Ed Anderson, Secretary; Dennis Heiner, Baseball Director;  
Terra VonKannewurff, Fundraising; Steve Bailey, Equipment  
Director; Tina DesFosses, Softball Director; Rod McConnell,  
Field Maintenance; Jen Dow, Soccer Director and Treasurer*



*The BNSYS U8 softball team  
Photo courtesy Donna Long*



## **Velie Memorial Playground**

As the summer sun rose brilliantly over the lake, the town of Newbury gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the Velie Memorial Playground. Neighborhood friends, guests from surrounding communities and children of all ages anxiously waited for the ribbon-cutting ceremony to begin. It was certainly a day to be remembered. Excitement filled the air as each child secretly wished to be the first to swirl down the cascading blue slides, play on the swings and ambitiously challenge the brightly colored rock-climbing apparatus.

After spending six years dedicated to completing our mission to build a recreational facility in the town of Newbury, it was a remarkable experience to see a grandmother's dream come true on Saturday, July 12, 2008. Dianalee Velie and her phenomenal 'Dream Team' composed of Catherine Feeney, Catherine Budd, Holly von Svoboda, David "Grizz" Fanning, and Dexter Burley proudly stood together as Dianalee and her son, Joe, cut the official yellow ribbon. Spectators watched in amazement as three angelic white balloons were released, and then peacefully floated off into the distant, blue summer sky.

"It is hard to believe our journey has been successfully fulfilled and we have passed the playground keys over to the town of Newbury," said Dianalee Velie. The idea began when friends of her son, Joe, donated \$1000 in memory of his wife, Currie-Hill Velie, and sons, Joseph John Velie and Jack Jasper Velie. "It was my daughter-in-law, Currie-Hill, who circled Newbury on a map and said all that was missing was a children's playground. Nothing makes me happier than when I pass through Newbury and see children and their parents enjoying time together at the playground," said Dianalee Velie.

One of the highlights of our journey was when Selectman Jim Powell announced the town of Newbury had chosen the perfect site for the children's playground. Not only would it be in the center of town, it would also be located behind the Newbury

Library. It was a dream come true. I can still recall when we would hold our board meetings at the library and Dianalee would peer out the window overlooking the site where the playground now stands. She would say, “Wouldn’t this be a perfect place for a playground?” never dreaming it would become a reality. It is wonderful to see the development in the town of Newbury. With the addition of sidewalks in 2009, the renovation of our beautiful historic meeting house and now the completion of the children’s playground, we are so proud to be members of this great community.



*Dylan Budd reflects on top of the double slides at Velie Memorial Playground.*

*Photo by Holly von Svoboda*

With a project of this magnitude, challenges were encountered. However, bright symbols of hope encouraged VMF to work as a team focused on a mission to reach the top of the mountain. For example, when the playground equipment arrived during a

snow blizzard in December 2007, a white kitten bolted out of the crates. She had traveled seven days and seven nights without food and water from Fort Payne, Alabama. She was named Ala, after Alabama, and became our little white angel. Another example occurred during construction when Grizz Fanning found a single red tulip blooming undisturbed amongst the busy construction development. "There were lots of signs that our project was meant to happen and it did," he said.

Another special moment occurred in the final month of the project when the Palmier family from Newbury generously donated the money to build the welcome depot train station. This building is a gazebo-like structure where the children can seek shelter from the rain or hot sun. We are delighted to report The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc. will be donating a Newbury train station depot sign as well as an old-fashioned railroad crossing sign this spring. We believe this will add artistic character to the station and will further contribute to the playground's theme of lakes, trains and mountains.

The playground's equipment was designed to reflect the lakes, trains and mountains of the scenic Lake Sunapee area. If you have the opportunity to stop by on any given day, you will find countless numbers of children climbing on the blue, engine-shaped playground structure. Others will be climbing the ropes that have been designed to reflect the shape and structure of our beautiful Mount Sunapee. There is something exciting for everyone. Children especially love the climbing walls that represent our great historic Newbury Cut.

One of the treasured highlights of our project is the reflection area where lovely benches are situated around three beautiful granite pillars varying in height, cut and size. Old-fashioned stepping stones lead you to a small sheltered knoll overlooking the playground where quiet contemplation and



reflection can be found. In the early stages of the project, Grizz Fanning came across three granite pillars in his travels and envisioned a similar sculpture in the reflection area. After hand selecting the granite from Sunapee Granite Works, the stones were transported to Newbury, and then gently placed in loving memory of Currie-Hill Velie and her sons Joseph John Velie IV and Jack Jasper Velie. It will be beautiful to see the touch of spring as flowers begin to bloom in the perennial gardens. Each plant was carefully chosen and selected by our landscape designer and board member, Dexter Burley.

This project was an incredible journey. Dianalee is now blessed with a two-year-old grandson, Thomas Velie. He loves to walk in the park and have his “Nona” push him high into the sky on the swings.

Finally, on behalf of Dianalee Velie and The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc., we wish to thank you again for your support and contributions to our wonderful children’s project. It has been an honor to work with such an incredible community. We sincerely hope the Velie Memorial Playground will bring years of wonderful and fond memories for you and your families.

*Holly von Svoboda*



*Holly von Svoboda, Grizz Fanning  
and Dianalee Velie*

## The Fells

While it is difficult to summarize a full and busy 12 months of a vibrant organization and site in a brief report, these pages offer some 2008 highlights from The Fells. The most significant development of 2008 was that on March 25 The Fells nonprofit organization acquired nearly 84 acres of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge, comprising the entire “built” portion of the property with all buildings and gardens, with the remaining 80 acres continuing as property of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). As part of this complex transaction, The Fells also conserved 727 acres in Errol, New Hampshire to be added to the Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. The Fells is grateful for local support, including from many Newbury residents that made it possible for the historic Hay estate to now be locally owned and controlled. Perhaps buoyed by the accomplishment of local ownership, support for The Fells continued to grow throughout 2008, with over 1,000 memberships at year-end.

2008 educational programs included classes, lectures, walks and exhibits in history, horticulture and the environment. Partnerships continued with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and the New England Wild Flower Society, among others.

We participated again in a history collaboration with the New London and Sunapee historical societies, as well as the New London Barn Playhouse and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, with the Newbury Historical Society added in 2008, presenting *Hosting Our Summer Guests: The 1880s through the 1930s*. We are thankful for town office meeting space for lectures in that series in January (*The Grand Resort Hotels of the White Mountains*) and November (*Lake Sunapee’s Musical Celebrities in the Gilded Age*).

We made great strides in 2008 in continued expansion of activities and programs for children and families. As examples, a Nature Explorer Backpack program was begun and the Knee-High Nature program for preschoolers and parents was launched. Children's art and nature day camps were expanded from two weeks to four weeks and enjoyed full rosters. We were pleased that the town of Newbury recreation department again held a week-long ecology day camp led by Travis Dezotell, which was very well attended.



*The Ecology Camp sponsored by the Newbury recreation department and The Fells.*

*Photo courtesy Maureen Dezotell*

In addition to a full agenda of educational programs, most of which are listed in our 2008 calendar of events, several major events were held on the grounds in 2008, including:

June	Annual plant sale
June	Thank you celebration for all capital campaign donors



July	Headquarters for <i>Views of Lake Sunapee: Home and Garden Tour</i> , with three properties each in Newbury and New London
August	Hay Day Family Festival
August	BBQ and vaudeville
November	Christmas at The Fells: Songs and stories of Christmas

This last event was filmed by WMUR's *New Hampshire Chronicle*, with The Fells being the host site for programming all during Thanksgiving week. We were happy to be able to pass on some of the extensive greens used for this event to the town of Newbury for its holiday decorating.

The Fells hosted Business after Hours in June for the Lake Sunapee Region and Newport chambers of commerce. The New London Rotary Club again held its annual meeting at The Fells in June. Two weddings and one wedding reception were held on the grounds during the summer.

Although membership continued to grow and participation in classes and events was high, general visitation in 2008 was off from the prior year's peak numbers, presumably mostly due to the very rainy weather through much of the summer. This seemed consistent with reports from other tourism-related businesses in the area.

Removal of invasive plants continued on the site. Additional tree removal and trimming was done on the property in 2008, for safety and in accordance with the old garden master plan, opening that historic space up to lighting more in keeping with its design intention. Renovations were made to border areas of the Clarence Hay Rock Garden, including new planting of an east-side area.

A second portion of the exterior of the main house was professionally painted this year, leaving approximately one-third of the structure still in need of painting. Volunteers

scraped and painted columns on the main-house veranda as well as main-house shutters.

Our 2008 staff included two summer interns, one each from Colby-Sawyer College and Connecticut College, who lived in the main house for 12 weeks. Three staff members continued to work year-round in the gatehouse, and there were eight seasonal employees plus several contract workers.

We continue to provide the Newbury Library with a complimentary Fells library membership with passes to be checked out that admit holders to The Fells at no charge. On July 12 and 13, in conjunction with Newbury Old Home Day, we again offered free Fells admission to all Newbury residents and employees.

Newbury residents volunteered in large numbers for The Fells in 2008 in ongoing ways and for our volunteer-heavy summer home and garden tour and our November Christmas at The Fells event. Newbury board members Fay Barden and Bob Morris each completed their terms of board service at the close of the year. Other Newbury residents are serving on various leadership committees, such as development and education. Dennis Pavlicek continues as an ex-officio board member, and received by email all agendas and minutes of Fells board meetings throughout the year.

The Fells came before the town planning board in the summer seeking approval for a parking area, seen by The Fells as an important matter for visitor safety. While that approval was given, delays in approval from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, which holds the historic preservation easement on the property, have held up any actual work on the site. The Fells will be in touch with the town regarding a potential new project timetable and will seek any further town approvals needed.

We thank the town of Newbury for support and help in both general and specific ways during 2008. The Fells is a natural and cultural asset of historic significance that it is our mission to preserve and to share with the public, first and foremost our closest neighbors, then other area residents, then tourists from outside our area. We are pleased to engage Newbury residents as visitors, class attendees, members, volunteers, donors and leaders. We intend to be a valuable asset to the town of Newbury and anticipate working together in the years ahead for the good of our community. For current information on upcoming Fells activities, please consult our website, [www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org). I also encourage residents with comments, questions or concerns to contact me any time at [kzurheide@thefells.org](mailto:kzurheide@thefells.org).

*Karen Zurheide, Executive Director*



*View from The Fells during the summer  
Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford*



## Newbury Beautification Committee

2008 was another busy year for the Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC). Our year began with taking down all the holiday greens around town.

In March, we held our second annual ham and bean supper before the town meeting. The Saturday of Memorial Day weekend brought the plant sale and we put out the barrels, window boxes and hanging baskets around town. Once everything was planted, it was also maintained. All the volunteers, men and women, are great about watering but we would love to have more helpers, especially with the new containers coming in 2009.



*Members of the Newbury Beautification Committee serve salads to the Newbury residents at the 2008 Old Home Day celebration.*

*Photo courtesy Donna Long*

In July we decorated the town with small flags for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and on Old Home Day we provided and served all the salads to the many dinner guests.

This year, we gathered together in October to celebrate the harvest season and helped with the fall festival. November was, as always, very busy with the greening of the town for the holidays, refreshments for the Center Meeting House Thanksgiving gathering and our second annual wreath sale on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We also joined with Center Meeting House in an ornament sale. The year culminated with the lighting of the town Christmas tree on the first Sunday in December. We were happy to sponsor the lighting and party for the town.

We all love Newbury and appreciate the town's support. Thank you for your support of the Memorial Day weekend plant sale and the Thanksgiving weekend wreath sale. These events help defray the costs of plants in summer and wreaths in the winter.

Please join us again this year for the ham and bean supper before the town meeting. It is always nice to visit before getting down to business. We would love to have any and all join us. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the town office. It is a great group.

For information or to join the NBC, call Bonnie Guterl (7632840), Diana Morris (763-5859) or Joy Nowell (938-6054).

*Joy Nowell, President*



*4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
Photo courtesy  
Maureen Dezotell*



*Holiday wreath sale  
Photo courtesy  
Cheron Barton*

## Kearsarge Regional School Board

In the past year, we have seen many exciting and positive changes in the Kearsarge Regional School District. The new middle school in Sutton was put into service following the spring break. It is an excellent facility and will enhance the learning experience for our middle school students.

In July, we welcomed our new superintendent, Jerry Frew. Jerry started his educational career as a student teacher at Kearsarge high school and returns to us with fresh ideas and many years of positive experience. Jerry will be assisted by Robin Steiner, our new assistant superintendent. Both Jerry and Robin will be focusing their efforts on the continued improvement of our curriculum. We expect to see improvement in all measurable areas as a result of their combined efforts.



*Students at KRES in Bradford enjoy winter activities on Friday afternoons. Shown (l to r): Sarah Long, Corbin Montminy, Jordan Pollard, Jacob Long, Matthew Hubley, Rachel Nunes and Sue Deluca at their lesson at Mount Sunapee. Photo courtesy Donna Long*





*Cathy Robjent received the Physical  
Education Teacher of the Year award.  
Photo courtesy Cathy Mayne*

The Kearsarge school district received numerous awards this year. Simonds Elementary school was named 'Elementary School of the Year'. Percy Hill was named 'Assistant Principal of the Year' and Cathy Robjent and Nate Heath were recognized as elementary and middle school 'Physical Education Teachers of the Year'. These accolades would not have been possible without the support of you, the voters of Newbury.

The school board has worked diligently to maintain a budget that serves the needs of our district and has the least impact on the taxpayer. In these difficult economic times we recognize the pressures that we all face. We appreciate your past support and ask for your continued funding as we meet the challenges of educating our youth and strive to reach our strategic goals. The citizens of Newbury have an excellent school system that should be held in the highest regard.

*Daniel H. Wolf, Chairman*

## **Cemetery Trustees**

The main effort of this committee in 2008 was the removal and replacement of the chain-link fence on the north and west boundaries of Lakeside Cemetery. Prior survey work was completed by Pennyroyal Hill Land Surveying of Croydon in September 2007. In January 2008, a lot-line adjustment of the west side boundary was agreed to by the cemetery trustees, the abutters, and the board of selectmen. A warrant article to this effect was approved by the voters at the March town meeting. Planning board approval and final recording of the changes came soon after. Springfield Fence removed debris from old fencing and completed installation of new chain-link fence in May.

Michael Moss was elected by voters in March to fill the vacant position on the cemetery board.

During the year trustees attended several meetings including the state training session in Concord in June, the Humanities Council lecture on NH gravestones in February and a meeting of the Old Graveyard Association in Newport in September.

New trees were planted in the Chandler and Lakeside cemeteries and new mulch was put down in the Marshall, Lakeside and Chandler cemeteries. There was also tree and bush work done in the Marshall Cemetery.

We are continuing the effort of updating and adding to the cemetery database of deed and burial information. The overall project consists of photographing, measuring and recording inscriptions of all burial sites in all of the Newbury cemeteries. These are also being compiled into a book for the town records.

Monument repair work continued this year in the old section of Lakeside Cemetery. Approximately 80 tablets and 40 foot

markers were straightened. Base supports were replaced for 36 tablets. Work was completed by Keene Monument Company.

As part of the town decorating for the holidays, Newbury Beautification Committee donated holiday wreaths for the cemeteries.

Clean-up of boughs and limbs is continuing after several severe storms this December.

There were 12 lots sold which totaled \$3,700.00 for the general maintenance trust fund. There were 5 burials and several new monuments and corner markers installed.

Thanks to all the people who have assisted the cemetery trustees in the innumerable tasks that have to be performed in managing the cemeteries.

*Paul Riley (chair), Mary Bachelder and Michael Moss*



*A beautiful sunset on Forest Brook Road.  
Photo courtesy Michael von Redlich*



## **Planning Board**

### **The Ten-Year Master Plan:**

On April 1, 2008, the planning board moved to adopt the ten-year master plan for the town of Newbury. This nearly three-hundred-page vision for the future is the result of a guided community effort that began in 2005. Its development included multiple public visioning sessions, a community survey, input from numerous town boards, societies, commissions, and organizations, writing and review of its integrated chapters, and a final public hearing. The master plan provides a guideline, in a single document, for future growth and development in Newbury. It is, in short, an expression of the needs and desires of the community.

There are several new chapters included in the plan: A Vision for the Future, Regional Context, Historic Preservation, and Implementation. The 2008 Conservation Plan, as developed by the Conservation Commission, was incorporated into the Master Plan as Appendix B.

The essence of the plan is superbly summarized in a single sentence in the Overall Vision for the Future, in Chapter I. "Over the next ten years, to remain primarily a rural community with a small-town atmosphere, uncrowded and quiet living conditions, and a scenic and unpolluted natural environment."

The planning board would like to thank the many groups, individuals, and community members for their assistance, ideas, and participation. I would like to recognize several individuals who have devoted a great deal of their time, talents and expertise over the last three years in this effort: Bill Weiler (for his numerous contributions), Pat Sherman (for her vision of town center), Ken McWilliams (for his wisdom and attention to detail), Barbara Freeman (for her leadership as planning board chair), and the current and former members of

the planning board (for their steadfast dedication and input to this document).

### **Regulatory Work:**

The board conducted public hearings for site plan review applications, annexation/lot-line adjustments, conditional use permits, and major subdivision proposals and revocation. The board moved to revoke part of the Angel Hawk Subdivision because the owner, Angel Hawk, LLC, failed to provide for the continuation of adequate security until such time as the work had been completed. The board, at a later date, moved to rescind the revocation to permit the transfer of the subdivision to the new owner, Advanced Conception Property Development, LLC.

Projects reviewed in 2008:

- 4 Annexation/lot-line adjustments
- 0 Minor subdivisions
- 3 Major subdivisions – 2 conceptual and 1 revocation
- 5 Site plan reviews
- 3 Conditional use permits – one denied
- 12 Conceptual hearings

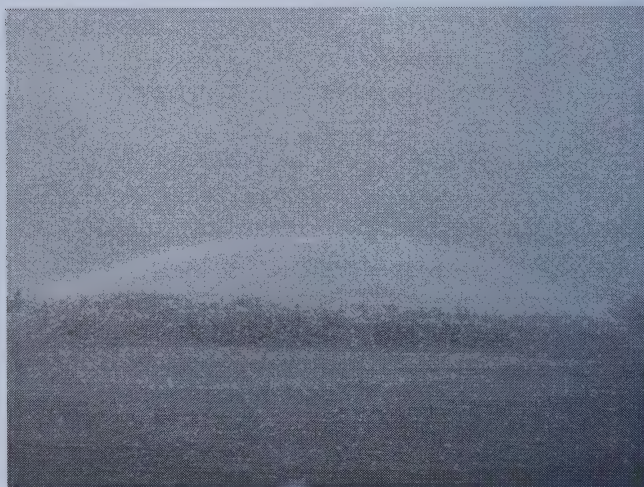
There are two proposed amendments to the Newbury zoning ordinance to appear on the March 2009 ballot for public consideration. The first is a proposal to add a new Article XXII (Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance). It is a response to new state legislation that encourages small wind energy systems and requires towns to adopt ordinances to regulate their installation and operation. The second proposes to amend current Article VII (Shore Land Overlay District) and Article II (Definitions) to be consistent with changes in the New Hampshire Shoreland Protection Act.

The five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) has been updated by the CIP subcommittee and approved by the

planning board. Special thanks to Ivor Freeman (chair), Ken McWilliams (planning consultant), Dennis Pavlicek (town administrator), Jim Powell (chair, selectmen), and Ron Williams and Deane Geddes (both planning board).

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the planning board who have served and continue to serve on the board. As a first-year chair of the planning board, I have been fortunate to have had their support and confidence. They are a dedicated, knowledgeable, and responsible group, who are a pleasure to work with and are individual assets to the town of Newbury. Thanks to the 2008-2009 board members: Travis Dezotell, Deane Geddes, Barbara Freeman (vice-chair), Jim Powell (ex-officio from board of selectmen), Bill Weiler, and Ron Williams. Thank you also to Ken McWilliams (planning consultant), Linda Plunkett (secretary), and Denise Walter (land use board coordinator).

*Thomas W. Vannatta, Chair*



*Rainbow over Lake Sunapee  
Photo courtesy Katheryn Holmes*



## **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

I want to thank the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for their participation and support this year. We had eight hearings in 2008, which is a reflection of the slowing economy. The board heard five variance applications, two special exceptions and had one variance application withdrawn. The board used this year to look at application processes and look for ways to make the application process more understandable. As with all town boards, the ZBA members volunteer their time to assist the town. Please remember to thank the board members for this service.

*Elizabeth Ashworth, Chairperson*

### *ZBA Members:*

*Katheryn Holmes, vice-chair*

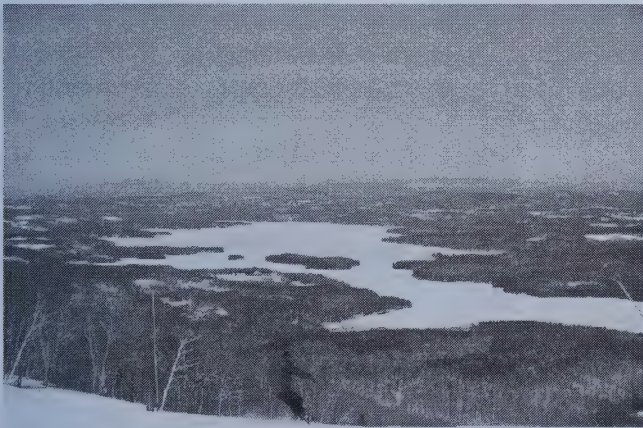
*Barbara Richmond*

*Steve Russell*

*Helen Wright*

*Alex Azodi ,alternate*

*Susan Russell, alternate*



*A snowboarder enjoying the views of Mount Sunapee.*

*Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford*

## **UNH Cooperative Extension-Merrimack County**

UNH Cooperative Extension, the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, has engaged New Hampshire residents for 94 years with a broad variety of non-formal educational offerings. One in four Merrimack County residents took advantage of at least one extension program last year.

We offer programs in parenting, family finances, food safety, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps, special-interest programs and after-school programs) for children and teens, nutrition education for low-income families, and acculturation for refugee families. We respond to the needs of forest landowners, commercial farmers, niche growers, farmers' markets, and many other groups.

Merrimack County Extension educators also work extensively with towns and school districts, organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields, landscaped areas, and town forests. We provide guidance to community boards on current use, timber tax law, and other land use issues. We also help social service agencies plan programs and stay current with the latest research and best practices.

Our county staff participate—and sometimes take leadership roles—in many state and local coalitions, among them the Franklin Asset Building Coalition, Concord Asset Building Coalition, the Concord Substance Abuse Coalition, the Timberland Owners Association, N.H. Farm and Forest Exposition board, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust outreach committee, N.H. Association for Infant Mental Health, the state Marriage and Family Advisory Board, and the N.H. Volunteer Administrators Association and Pittsfield Youth Workshop.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact-sheet notebooks to all town libraries and our educators are often a guest of WPTL

Radio (107.7 FM), which offers information to residents throughout the station's listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The number for the Info Line is 1-877-398-4769. Last year, the Info Line handled more than 684 requests from Merrimack County residents.

Finally, UNH Extension trains and supports over 5,000 volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors and others, who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call Merrimack County Extension Office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen next to the County Nursing Home on Route 3.

Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu).



*Two happy snowmen on South Road  
Photo courtesy of Martha von Redlich*



## **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission**

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire, created to coordinate all aspects of planning, and acts as a liaison between local, state and federal agencies. It provides advisory technical assistance on land use issues. We serve 27 communities from Piermont to Charleston along the Connecticut River and from Wilmot to Washington to the east.

Over the past year, the commission has expended a significant amount of energy increasing visibility, public relations and identifying the needs of the communities. It has dealt with land use issues that are important to the long-term sustainability of the communities within the region. The commission experienced a year of transition and expansion as it hired a geographic information systems analyst to provide mapping services and a new executive director to provide leadership and guidance.

Revenue for the commission was \$565,964 for the fiscal year 2008. A large percentage of this funding comes from the unified planning work program utilizing federal highway administration funding through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. Other state and federal funding sources include the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the New Hampshire Department of Safety – Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Office of Energy and Planning. Member communities and counties provide membership dues. This allowed the commission to leverage approximately \$250,000 in state and federal funds, and provided the commission over 15% of its revenue.

The commission consists of representatives appointed by the leadership of each member municipality or county. These

commissioners represent your community's interests in the work the commission does. The commission had ten new commissioners appointed by various municipalities and counties expanding resources and expertise within its leadership and demonstrating considerable renewed interest in regional collaboration. Additionally, Grafton County became a member of the commission this year.

Some of this year's highlights include the completion of the Route 120 phase I corridor study in Lebanon and Hanover and a number of human transit coordination plans and hazard mitigation plans. The commission assisted communities in developing master plans in Claremont, Cornish, Acworth, Enfield and Lyme which will enable communities to better align their policies and land use decisions with the goals expressed through community participation. Direct planning assistance was made available to planning boards in Orford, Wilmot and Springfield, and regulatory review and ordinance assistance was provided to Claremont, Plainfield, Springfield and Washington.

The commission provides a significant amount of hours of technical assistance to communities that inquire about specific local issues, data requests or needed resources. The communities of Croydon, Lempster, Goshen, Cornish, Charlestown, New London, Hanover, Sunapee, Lebanon, Grantham, Dorchester, Newport, Unity, Orange, Enfield, Piermont, Plainfield and Leominster all took advantage of these services this past year. We also received inquiries for assistance from regional and other organizations including the Sugar River Conservation Council, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Mascoma River Watershed Council, Lake Sunapee Advisory Committee, The Nature Conservancy and Dartmouth College.

The commission was engaged in over 45 projects within the region this year and has increased its capacity to serve the communities of the region. A list of some of this year's

accomplishments and projects that were completed as well as a copy of this annual report are available on our website at [www.uvlsrpc.org](http://www.uvlsrpc.org).

We have already begun work on many new initiatives in the region and thank you for your continued support.

*Christine Walker, Executive Director*



*Full moon over Lake Sunapee in the autumn  
Photo courtesy Katheryn Holmes*



## **Police Department**

Well, 2008 came and went. The winter was long and snowy and the summer was far too short. But, we all fared well and the department continued its pursuit of previously instituted programs and directives designed to help make Newbury the best place to live. If statistics are any measure of success, then we've done well. Newbury continues to be one of the safest places to live.

In past years, the pursuit of grant funding has yielded very positive results for the department, and this past year was no different. Under the federal Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) the department was awarded a pair of night-vision and image-stabilizing binoculars. This equipment will help to supplement both patrol and search/rescue functions. The new equipment is due to arrive sometime during the first quarter of 2009, and it's valued at \$13,650.00.

Remember that this is your police department and as we continue to work together it will only get better.

Thanks again for another great year.

*Bob Lee, Chief*

*Sergeant Henry Thomas*

*Corporal Brad Wheeler*

*Officers Aaron Sparks, E. Neill Cobb, Warren Foote, E. Buddy Rowe and B.J. Hardy*

*Administrative Assistant Deborah Lacombe*

<b>Newbury Police Department Calls For Service 2008</b>	
Classification	Total
Death/Suicide/Unattended	3
Bomb Threat	1
Stalking	1
Sexual Assault	1
Assault	1
Harassment	3
Criminal Threat	4
Criminal Trespass	6
Burglary	2
Theft	41
Fraud	4
Fraud - Bad Checks	2
Criminal Mischief	15
Drugs/Possession	2
Property Found	20
Property Lost	12
Domestic Dispute	12
Liquor Law Violations	2
Disturbance	3
Weapons Permits	22
Shots Fired	2
Fireworks Permits	3
Fireworks Violations	7
Harassing Communication	3
Disorderly Conduct	3
DUI	2
Driving on Suspension/Revocation	4
Ride Along	1
Parking Violations	6
VIN Inspection	12
Manner of Operation	5
Abandoned Vehicle	22

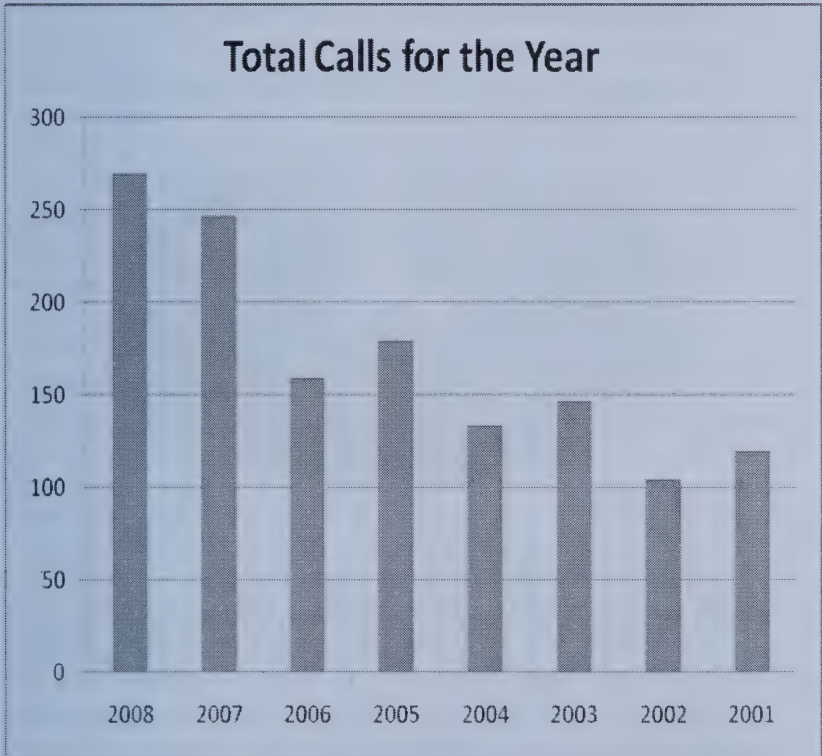
Computer Crimes	1
Road Hazard/Obstruction	55
Placing Snow/Debris on Road	2
Traffic Offense Warning	763
Traffic Offense Citation	133
Traffic Offense-Arrest	7
Town Ordinance Violations	8
Motor Vehicle Check	6
MV/Traffic Complaint	36
Assist-Stranded Motorist	19
Gas Drive Off	2
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury	8
Traffic Crash/Property Damage	45
Traffic Crash/Non Reportable	18
Littering-Illegal Dumping	3
OHRV Crash	1
OHRV Complaints	2
Animal-Complaints	32
Animal-Cruelty/Vicious	3
Animal-Stray	39
Animal-Nuisance	5
Animal-Livestock Complaint	3
Animal-Wild	10
Neighborhood Disputes	6
Noise Disturbance	16
Unwanted Subject	1
Assist-Fire/Police	63
Assist-In County Police/Out of State	58
Assist-Newbury Fire	49
Assist-Newbury Medical/Rescue	35
Assist-Town Office	5
Assist-Public Works/EOC	14
Assist-Social Service Agencies	1
Assist-Court	2
Assist-Out of State Police	4
Alarm	20



Alarm–Bank	4
Alarm–Business	27
Alarm–House	69
911 Hang-up	20
Missing Person	6
Juvenile Complaint/Run Away	4
Citizen Requested Assistance	42
Civil Issue/Stand by	20
Suspicious Person/VEH/Incident	79
Welfare Check	18
Open Door/Window/Gate	13
Public Relations-Talk or Lecture	2
Paperwork Relay	2
Paperwork Service	30
Selective Enforcement Request	75
Fingerprints/School, INS	31
Police Information	87
House Check Request	31
Building Check–Business	543
Building Check–Public	154
Building Check–Residential	17
Case Follow up	13
Warrant–Criminal	9
Sex Offender Registration	6
Keep the Peace	2
Protective Order (Violations)	2

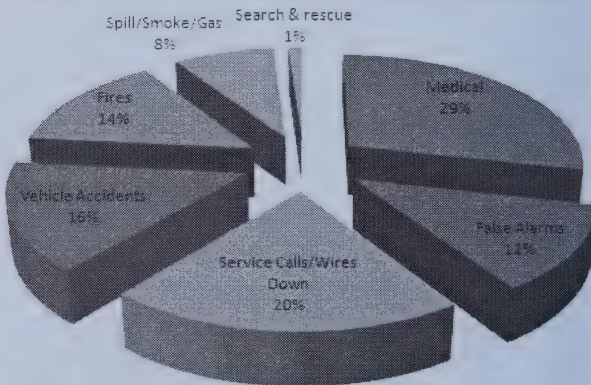
## Fire Department

Newbury Fire and Rescue Department set a new record for responses in 2008 with 270 fire and rescue calls. This total was up almost 10% over 2007, with 247 calls, which was the previous record year for department response. Response during and following the December ice storm contributed significantly to the total for the year with 80 calls during the month of December alone. Since 2001 the annual number of calls that the call fire department responded to has increased 125%.



Medical calls remain the largest category of calls at 29%. This year's service calls, which include response for downed electrical wires and public assistance to residents, especially during the storms, were 20% of our calls. Vehicle accidents continue to increase and accident calls this year were 16% of the total. The chart shows the percentage of calls by category. As the call volume continues to grow, the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department continues to look for new members. Experience in firefighting or emergency medical service is welcomed, but not required for these paid on-call positions. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can serve your community, please stop by the safety services building on any Tuesday evening to pick up an application.

### 2008 Newbury Fire Department Response



During the December 2008 ice storm, businesses and residents were without power for up to a week. During emergencies like this residents are reminded to use caution with back-up lighting and heat. Anyone who is not familiar with the operation of generators and heaters should contact the fire department. Generators and heaters used improperly can result in deadly carbon monoxide gas entering the home. There was a significant increase in fire and carbon monoxide calls in the state of New Hampshire during the emergency.



In addition to the record number of emergency response calls, the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department fire prevention and community service activity continues to increase. A number of town ordinances and state regulations or fire codes call for permitting, inspection or enforcement by the fire department. Record-keeping requirements for both fire and medical services have also greatly increased over the last several years.

The most significant town ordinance impacting the fire department, which became effective in 2008, was the alarm ordinance. It requires permitting of any fire alarm or security alarm, which sends an alarm signal to an alarm company central monitoring station. Unpermitted alarm systems are subject to a \$100.00 penalty. The ordinance also establishes penalties for multiple false alarms from an alarm system. We believe that the new alarm ordinance contributed to the decrease in the number of false alarm responses in 2008. The department, however, continues to respond to unpermitted fire alarm systems. Permit applications are available at town office, the police department and on the town of Newbury website [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org).

Another ordinance requiring significant department involvement at certain times of the year is the fireworks ordinance, which stipulates that a permit is required for any use of fireworks within the town of Newbury. Fireworks permits are available from the forest fire wardens and failure to obtain a permit will result in a fine. The fire department, under state fire regulation, must oversee fireworks displays in the community. Coordinating the Old Home Day fireworks display is the responsibility of the Newbury fire department, as well as approving and overseeing any other public fireworks displays.

Residents are reminded that town ordinance requires a permit for the installation and use of all types of heating equipment. This includes gas furnaces and fireplaces, wood furnaces and stoves and fireplace inserts as well as oil burners which are regulated by the NH state fire code. All heating equipment

installations in new and *existing* structures must be inspected by the fire department as part of the permit process. Please be aware that verifying the presence of smoke detectors in the building where the equipment is installed and will be checked by the code enforcement officer. The forms for these permits can be found at the town office or on the website.

In 2008, the state of New Hampshire adopted licensing for gas fitters installing propane piping and appliances and repairing gas appliances. Residents having appliances installed or having any work done on the gas piping should request to see a copy of the technician's license. As noted above, any gas heating equipment must have a permit and be inspected.



*The Newbury Fire Rescue Boat docked at the Harbor.  
Photo courtesy Dennis Harrington*

As part of the community fire prevention education program, the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department presented a seminar in October on alternative heating safety. The session, which

included presenters from the NH state fire marshal's office, discussed the various types of wood stoves and fireplaces, proper installation, operation and maintenance and safety. The importance of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and proper venting of the equipment was covered as well as the potential for fires and carbon monoxide poisoning from improper use of this equipment. The attendees were reminded that the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be changed on an annual basis and smoke detectors should be replaced after ten years. Also discussed were the new state and federal regulations on external wood-burning furnaces and the gas-fitters licensing requirement. It was also mentioned that calls to the fire department for carbon monoxide alarms have been increasing, indicating that people are installing these important safety devices. The seminar was well attended and found to be very informative by those who were there. Please contact the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department if you have any questions on heating equipment or other fire safety concerns.

During the year the department worked with Mount Sunapee Resort on the coordination of the ski resort's internal emergency action plan with the Newbury Fire and Rescue Department response procedures, enabling both organizations to support each other's resources in the event of a major emergency. The fire department has also been working with resort management and the state fire marshal's office to improve safety fire protection at the resort's buildings.

The department will hopefully be taking delivery of a new tanker in January 2009. The new truck, which will carry 2,000 gallons of water, is being built by Valley Fire Apparatus of Bradford on a Kenworth chassis and is replacing the department's 30-year-old tanker.

Newbury has joined a number of other area communities in making the Knox Box emergency access system available to residents and businesses. A Knox Box is a secure key box



affixed to the building that will provide access to the building in the event of a fire alarm or other emergency when no one is home. The Knox Box, which can only be opened by a fire department key that is secured on the apparatus, allows the firefighters to open the door to determine the cause of the alarm instead of having to break a door or window to gain access. The cost of the box, which the resident purchases, is much less than the cost of replacing a damaged door. Knox Boxes are recommended for any building with an alarm system where the owner or resident may not be able to quickly respond to an alarm call and especially vacation homes where the owner may live out of the area. More information on Knox Boxes is available on the Newbury Fire & Rescue website [www.newburyfd.org](http://www.newburyfd.org). Knox Boxes can be ordered directly from the Knox Box company on its website [www.knoxbox.com](http://www.knoxbox.com).

The fire and rescue department continues to run into difficulties in responding to calls where the residences do not have street numbers, or have the wrong numbers (such as lot numbers instead of assigned street numbers). Problems in finding a house, especially in a medical emergency, can cause an unnecessary delay in providing needed care. Town ordinance requires the posting of street address numbers that are visible from the street and the state 911 system relies on street addresses meeting certain criteria. If you are not sure of your address number, contact the town office to get the information on your tax card. Any numbering discrepancies will be resolved by the fire chief. Please remember to maintain your long driveways and private roads during the winter months, to make access possible for emergency vehicles.

In 2008, the New Hampshire *Move Over Law* was enhanced to increase the safety for emergency responders and other workers along the state's roads and highways. The law requires that when emergency vehicles with flashing lights are working at an accident scene motorists must slow down and move over as far as possible to protect the people working at the scene.

Please consider the safety of the emergency responders, pull over when you see a fire truck or other emergency vehicle responding, and slow down and move over when you see the emergency vehicles working at an accident scene.

In late fall, the radio equipment purchased through the 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant became operational. A new fire department radio repeater installed at the highway garage on South Road greatly improves emergency communication in south Newbury between fire department radios and the New London dispatch center when units are responding to and at emergency scenes in this section of town. Over the past four years, the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department has been awarded two grants from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program. The grant-funded equipment, which totaled over \$100,000 for the two grants, resulted in increased capabilities for the department at very little cost to the taxpayers of Newbury.

The fire department continues to hold the annual Halloween and Christmas parties for the town's children. Even though the attendance is dropping, the members of the fire department enjoy having the children at the firehouse for those holidays. Thank you for your support.

*Henry Thomas Jr., Fire Chief*

#### **Department Officers**

Chief:	Henry Thomas, Jr.
Assistant Chief:	Dave Smith
Captain:	Ken Burnell
Lieutenants:	Mike Bascom, Jamie Bechok, Wayne Whitford, Chris Palmer
Clerk:	Robin Parkhurst
Fire Prevention:	Wayne Whitford
Communications:	Dave Kinsman
Standing Committee:	Mike Croteau, Mike Mennino

## **Calls for the year 2008**

Auto Accidents	<b>40</b>
Boat Rescue	<b>2</b>
Brush Fire	<b>2</b>
Chimney Fire	<b>2</b>
False Alarm	<b>33</b>
Fuel Spill	<b>3</b>
Mutual Aid	<b>29</b>
In-House Medical	<b>60</b>
Other Medical	<b>17</b>
Search & Rescue	<b>3</b>
Service Call	<b>34</b>
Smoke/Gas	<b>19</b>
Structure Fire	<b>3</b>
Vehicle Fire	<b>2</b>
Wires Down	<b><u>21</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>

## **Forest Fire Warden**

2008 was another good year for the town in regard to forest fire safety. May and June were our two driest months, and there were only a couple of very minor incidents. Our department did provide mutual aid for three of our neighboring towns that were not as fortunate as we were during the dry period.

Permit activity was high again this past year. I am very pleased with the number of people inquiring for seasonal campfire permits. Any open burning, chimeneas, metal fireplaces, rings, etc. require a permit. Set-back distances from a structure, size of burn area and time restrictions are all factors in the issuance of a permit. Newbury strictly follows the state of New Hampshire laws for fire safety.

Written burn permits are mandatory for an open burning that occurs when the ground is not completely covered by snow. I recommend burning brush now that the ground is snow covered rather than waiting until spring. Now would be a great time to burn all the debris that was created by the December ice storm.

Most of the permits issued in the past year were for brush burnings. Please remember the following when holding a brush fire:

- Any burning must be attended at all times.
- No material greater than 5 inches in diameter is allowed to be burned.
- No material other than brush may be burned.
- A fire must be totally extinguished. No live coals or smoke are to be left.
- No fire is to be buried as a means to be extinguished.



It is also a good idea to be courteous to your neighbors and let them know if you are planning a burning.

Even with a permit, the permit holder will be responsible for any damages caused and for the extinguishing costs to the town.

Again, thank you to the deputy wardens for their time and effort. We are up to date on state training and equipment maintenance. Our state ranger, Doug Miner, is a valuable asset and always is available for our questions even as his area has expanded. Thanks to the Newbury fire department, police department and New London dispatch. They are all team players that help make this a safe community.

Please call with any questions at 938-5925.

*Dave Smith, Warden*



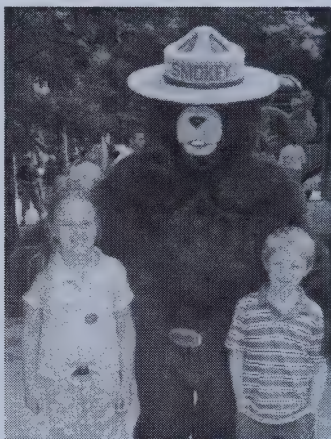
*A blue heron on the fire pond.  
Photo courtesy of Maureen Rosen*

## State Forest Ranger

Your local forest fire warden, fire department, and the state of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wild-land fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local forest fire warden or fire department to determine if a permit is required before doing any outside burning. Under state law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39-acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wild land/urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wild-land fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wild-land fire from spreading to their home. Precautions

include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's forest rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!



*Sarah Long and Jacob Long  
pose with SmokeyBear.  
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

<b>CAUSES OF FIRES</b>		<b>Total Fires</b>		<b>Total Acres</b>
Arson	2	<b>2008</b>	455	175
Debris	173	<b>2007</b>	437	212
Campfire	35	<b>2006</b>	500	473
Children	23	<b>2005</b>	546	174
Smoking	36	<b>2004</b>	482	147
Railroad	2			
Equipment	11			
Lightning	11			
Misc.*	162			

(\*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

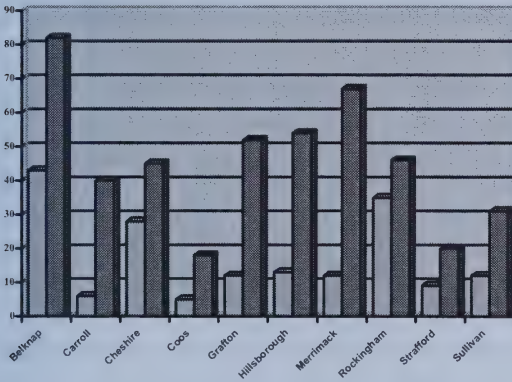
**Only you can prevent wild-land fire**

## 2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

(Figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the  
White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31





## Code Enforcement

2008 was a busy year for the building trades. There were several building permits were issued this year, and as in past years, permits were for a variety of projects.

16	house dwellings
15	garages
2	barns
1	commercial alteration-porch
15	porches
22	decks
10	sheds
9	electrical permits
5	demo permits
2	plumbing
15	alterations
3	pools

Permits are required for demolition as well as construction.

The following are some additional tips to keep in mind when planning your projects:

Permits are required for all sheds, whether permanently affixed to the ground or not. Sheds that are on blocks or skids and are 120 square feet or less are issued permits at no charge. Permits are required any time a structural change is made to the existing structure, such as enlarging a window opening, moving a door, relocating an interior wall, or any change to the original plumbing or electric system. However, you do not need a permit if you are simply changing a plumbing fixture or a light switch. New heating systems, replacement heating systems, all central fire and burglar systems need permits, otherwise a fine will be issued. Permits can be obtained from the fire department and are also available at the town office. If you have any questions as to whether a permit is required for

your project, please call me at 763-4940 ext. 203 or email paul@newburynh.org.

There is a new law for the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) which took effect in April 1, 2008 and affects properties abutting lakes and ponds. For more information contact Arlene Allen, shoreland protection outreach coordinator, 603-271-0862 or [www.des.state.nh.us/cspa/pdf/CSPAchanges\\_incorporated.pdf](http://www.des.state.nh.us/cspa/pdf/CSPAchanges_incorporated.pdf). All projects must be permitted unless work has begun before April 1, 2008.

I continue to find the residents and builders in Newbury a pleasure to work with.

To all the residents of Newbury, I wish good health and a prosperous new year.

*Paul LaCasse, Code Enforcement Officer*



*Cailyn Dezotell shows off her treasures  
from the annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Photo by Maureen Dezotell*

## **Emergency Management**

In June 2008, emergency management director Paul Groulx stepped down from his position and the select board appointed Wayne Whitford to the position. In addition to his Newbury emergency management position, Paul is an active member of the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department, an American Red Cross volunteer and a disaster field worker for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Paul's FEMA work has taken him out of state to a number of national disaster areas and he was away on assignment which turned out to be several months in 2008. Paul, in his role as Newbury's emergency management director, was instrumental in updating the town's emergency operations plan and setting up the emergency operations center. The town of Newbury thanks Paul for this service to the town as emergency management director.

Natural disasters continued to impact the State of New Hampshire during 2008. Newbury has been fortunate to escape the flooding and even tornados that struck other communities in our state in 2008. However, we were not spared the ice storm of December 11<sup>th</sup> which resulted in a loss of power to the entire town, with some residents not having their power restored for ten days. Damage to town infrastructure was minimal with only two roads needing serious repairs. The number of downed trees and fallen branches was considerable and cleanup by the highway department was extensive immediately following the storm and will continue into the spring. The Newbury emergency operations center was opened during the storm and the director continued to work with all of the departments as well as the NH Department of Safety's Bureau of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. For a week following the storm, daily conference calls were held with the state Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and town officials. Newbury did not have to call on the state for assistance as did a number of our neighbors who had more extensive damage.

The impact on individual residents who lost power was more serious. A number of Newbury residents who did not have power or heat spent several nights at an emergency shelter that was set up at Colby-Sawyer College in New London. Newbury was prepared to open the shelter at the town office, with volunteers ready to provide staffing. However, in discussions with New London and Sunapee emergency management, it was determined that a regional shelter for the three towns made the most sense for the number of people needing shelter. The Colby-Sawyer location had emergency power, cooking, sleeping, showering and other shelter capabilities that the other locations did not. The town of Newbury is grateful to the town of New London and Colby-Sawyer College for their assistance in sheltering the Newbury residents.

Following the storm, the fire and rescue department played a key role in supporting the residents impacted by the lack of power. Department members called senior citizens and handicapped citizens on the town's emergency call list to check on their wellbeing. The people called were asked if they or any of their neighbors needed assistance or would like to go to a shelter. Several people did decide to go to the shelter. In cases where there was no answer to the phone call, a fire unit was sent to the home to be sure everything was okay. There were a number of instances where the fire department assisted residents with generators, heaters, pumps and other equipment. Firefighters were on duty at the safety services building for a week following the storm providing water for people who needed it as their pumps were not operating, to answer questions and provide other public services as needed.

The office of emergency management is working on expanding the Newbury citizens emergency call list to reach more of our residents who may need assistance. Residents interested in having their name added to the emergency call list should contact Linda Plunkett at the town clerk's office. This call list is only used by the town to check on residents in an emergency (such as the ice storm) and is not provided to any businesses or



other organizations. The town continues to look into emergency resident contact systems, such as Reverse 911, that uses a computer system to call residents of the community and provide emergency information in a rapid and effective manner. Discussions are continuing with neighboring towns about setting up a regional Reverse 911 system. There is also the possibility of the state setting up a statewide system.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) which was established to provide a uniform emergency operations structure throughout the country following the events of 9/11/01, requires a NIMS coordinator in each state and town be designated to certify compliance with the NIMS requirements. Emergency management director Wayne Whitford was designated as NIMS coordinator for the town of Newbury and completed the first NIMSCAST report in the fall of 2008. The town of Newbury is already in compliance with many of the NIMS requirements and will be working on meeting the requirements for employee training and emergency equipment classification and documentation in 2009.

The town of Newbury office of emergency management applied for and has been notified that the town was awarded a hazardous materials emergency planning grant from the NH Department of Safety. The grant will fund work to be done by the fire department in identifying hazardous materials in use in and being transported through the town of Newbury in order to develop a hazardous material emergency response plan for the town. The federally funded grant is expected to be received and the project started in early 2009.

During an emergency you can find emergency management information on the emergency management webpage of the town website at [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org). Year round it carries useful information such as personal and family emergency planning.

*Wayne R. Whitford, Emergency Management Director*

## **Newbury: Through the Eyes of an Artist**

Newbury is very fortunate to have so many talented artists that capture the natural splendor of the Sunapee region. The 2008 Newbury annual town report features five local artists that get inspiration from Newbury and the surrounding areas.

### **Deborah Bacon**

Local artist Deborah Bacon has been creating art in the area privately and professionally for many years. She is a member of the NH PleinAir Group that focuses on painting the New England area. She has had work displayed at the New London Historical Society and has also enjoyed painting murals and portraits. Deborah attributes her inspiration to the continued support of fellow artists, friends and family and the beauty of creation around us.

[debannbacon@yahoo.com](mailto:debannbacon@yahoo.com)

### **Debbie Campbell**

Debbie is a landscape oil painter who lives in Newbury and loves to paint en plein air, finding unlimited inspiration from the beauty found in nature. She holds degrees from Northeastern University and Massachusetts College of Art. Besides her painting, Debbie has a graphic design firm and is an adjunct professor at Colby-Sawyer College.

[www.beyond-design.net](http://www.beyond-design.net)

## **Patricia Sweet-MacDonald**

A self taught-artist, Patricia discovered her talent at the early age of 5 while oil painting with her grandmother. She participated in several art shows and events before graduating high school. Patricia seeks inspiration from the great masters of the past. She captures pristine moments in time so that the viewer can experience the same beauty of a location that captured her as she first saw it. She resides with her husband and children in Newbury and her work is displayed at The Fells and the Banks Gallery in New London.

[www.patriciasweetmacdonald.com](http://www.patriciasweetmacdonald.com)

## **Martha von Redlich**

Martha was exposed to different climates, people and locations as a child of military parents. She studied art while in high school at the Institute of Art in Manchester. She taught art in the public schools in Prattville, Alabama and offered private lessons for many years. Martha was an art specialist with the federal government for 18 years. Her favorite subjects to paint are animals and landscapes. Martha lives in Newbury and says, "Art is fun, whether you create it yourself or just enjoy what others do."

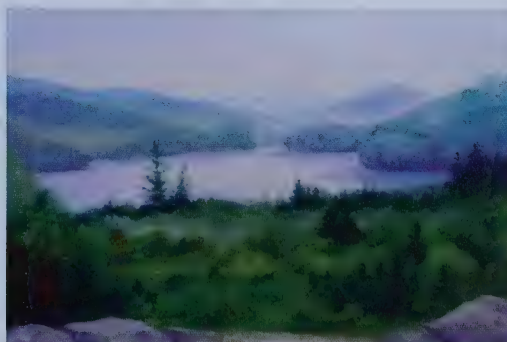
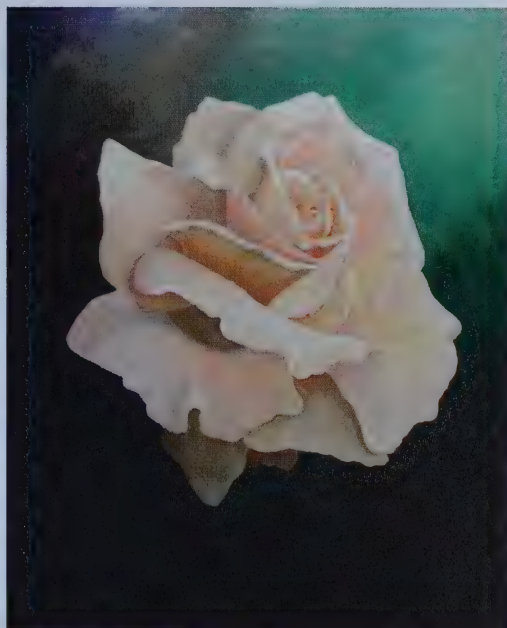
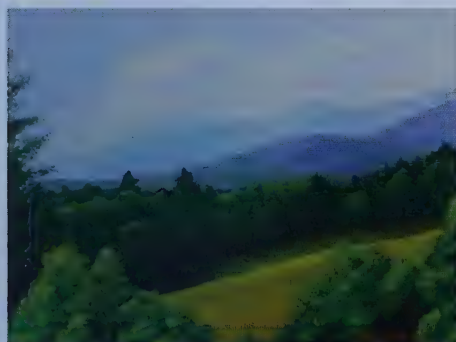
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## **Loa Winter**

Loa's art training has been diverse and informal. She has worked in various media including charcoal, acrylics, watercolors and oil. She says that when the light and color of a subject attract her attention, she is challenged to draw and paint it. She is continually learning from the natural world and finds inspiration in landscapes, animals and native plants. She has had exhibitions in local galleries and enjoys teaching water-color classes in her studio at her home in Newbury.

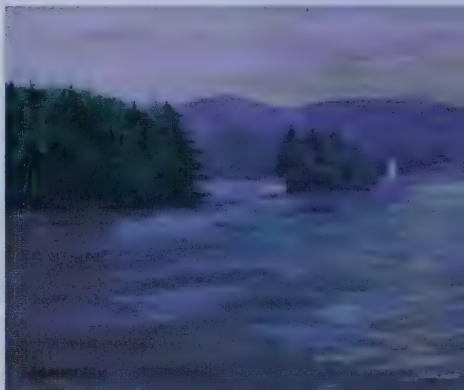
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# Deborah Bacon





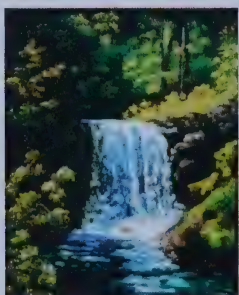
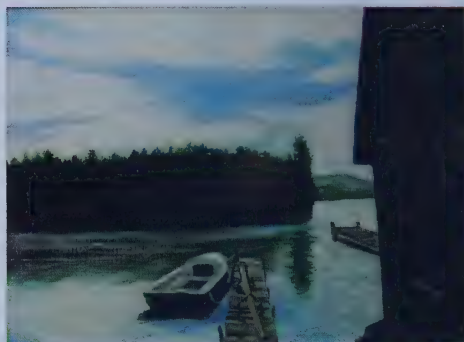
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# Patricia Sweet-MacDonald

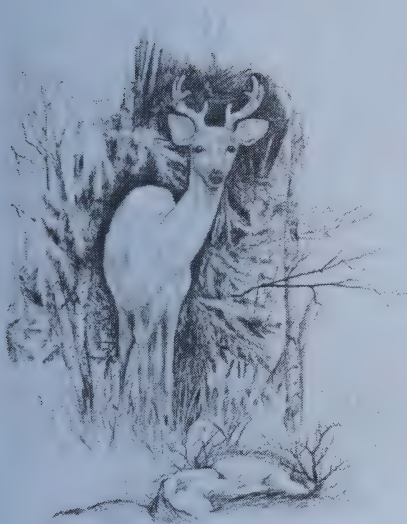


# Martha von Redlich





# Loa Winter







**Town Warrant**  
**State of New Hampshire - 2009**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the tenth (10) day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to the existing building regulations and zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to add a new **ARTICLE XXII (Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance)** in response to new state legislation that encourages small wind energy systems and requires that ordinances adopted by Towns to regulate the installation and operation of small wind energy systems shall not unreasonably limit such installations or unreasonably hinder the performance of such installations.

In addition to the new **ARTICLE XXII (Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance)**, the amendment would add new definitions to **ARTICLE II (Definitions)**.

YES        NO       

**RATIONALE:**

The purpose of this new article is to implement new state legislation (RSA 674:62-66) that allows municipalities to adopt regulations for the installation and operation of Small Wind Energy Systems. The intent is to facilitate the installation of Small Wind Energy Systems by removing the current requirement to obtain approval of a height variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and replacing it with a straight-forward building permit process approved by the Board of Selectmen. The proposed ordinance provides the property owner, the abutters and the Town with standards for the installation of Small Wind Energy Systems.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend **ARTICLE VII (Shore Land Overlay District)** and **ARTICLE II (Definitions)** to be consistent with some of the changes in the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act and some other revisions to the local ordinance.

YES        NO

## RATIONALE:

The primary purpose of this amendment is to revise the Town's Shore Land Overlay District to conform with the new amendments to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act adopted by the state legislature over the past two years. Major changes in the state's requirements for shoreland lots include incorporating the new provisions on waterfront buffers, natural woodland buffers, impervious surface coverage restrictions, and requirements to retain a minimum percentage of the lot in an unaltered state. The intent is to make the state and Town shore land regulations consistent in order that property owners proposing to develop or construct on their lot need to prepare only one set of plans and calculations to demonstrate conformity with both the state and Town regulations that are consistent.

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge -- second floor -- off Route 103 in Newbury.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,223,680 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET	2008	2009
1. Executive	\$175,886	\$178,522
2. Elections	11,067	4,802
3. Financial Administration	437,999	440,795
4. Legal Expenses	25,000	23,000
5. Personnel Administration	2,800	2,800
6. Planning	50,349	46,726
7. Zoning	13,017	13,006
8. General Government Bldg.	51,981	53,271
9. Cemeteries	25,780	25,610
10. Insurance	50,865	52,100
11. Other General Govt.	14,000	14,000



12. Police Department	438,848	450,288
13. Fire Department	139,968	159,875
14. Forest Fire	1,038	1,053
15. Code Enforcement	28,124	28,813
16. Emergency Management	4,478	4,413
17. Highway Maintenance	565,980	578,780
18. Highway Reconstruction	243,000	232,000
19. Street Lighting	14,040	14,600
20. Transfer Station	290,418	284,805
21. Health Agencies	31,324	33,616
22. Welfare	16,294	22,894
23. Information Booth	6,565	6,689
24. Parks & Recreation	72,644	77,648
25. Library	81,297	85,494
26. Conservation Commission	1,603	1,495
27. Historical Society	1,000	1,000
28. Tax Anticipation Notes	100	100
29. Sewer Department	141,825	137,440
30. Bond/Note Principal	195,000	165,000
Bond/Note Interest	58,675	49,000
31. Safety Communication Svs.	35,708	34,045
32. Capital Outlay	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,226,673</b>	<b>\$3,223,680</b>

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$159,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 45,000
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$111,000
AMBULANCE	\$ 3,000

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$12,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$ 7,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$ 5,000
FD PERSONAL PROTECTION	\$10,000

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,000 to expand the town office parking lot, connect the parking lot to Fishersfield Road, reconstruct and pave Fishersfield Road, conduct further studies for future uses of town center property to be brought before future town meeting(s) and remove the oil tank that is buried in the safety services lot.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$146,537 to purchase a six-wheel dump truck equipped with dump body and sander and authorize the withdrawal of \$141,537 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and a trade-in amount of \$5,000 for the 1986 Mack truck. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

8. To see if the Town will vote to discuss the merits of a "pay as you throw" program for household trash in the town.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to remove and replace the existing chain-link fence approximately 500 feet along the front of Chandler Cemetery and to remove and replace the two existing gates.

10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,700 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$3,700 from the December 31, 2008 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement by and among the towns of Orford, Lyme, Hanover, Enfield, Springfield, Newbury, New London, and Sunapee, to establish a consortium to share in the construction, operation and use of a broadband communications network in accordance with RSA 53-A.

12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79-F to appraise, for property tax assessment, qualifying farm structures at no more than replacement value less depreciation and land underlying qualifying farm structures at no more than ten percent of its market value. Qualifying structures and land shall be subject to a use change tax at the rate of ten percent of the full-value assessment as of the date of change of use.

13. To see if the Town of Newbury will go on record in support of working with the other five towns within the Sunapee Watershed to raise community awareness of important issues concerning the Lake Sunapee Watershed and surrounding areas, to formulate clear guidelines for responsible, long-term stewardship of the water resources in those areas, and to promote cooperation among Sunapee watershed towns in using those guidelines for the implementation of programs effective in addressing the salient issues to the common benefit of the area communities.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**Newbury Board of Selectmen**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Powell, Chair  
Richard Wright  
Gary Budd

February-19, 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Posted

**Budget For and Comparative Statement of Expenditures for  
The Town of Newbury, NH  
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009**

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>			
Executive	175,886	175,341	178,522
Election, Registration & Vital Stats.	11,067	8,803	4,802
Financial Administration	437,999	431,719	440,795
Legal Expenses	25,000	8,466	23,000
Personnel Administration	2,800	3,398	2,800
Planning	50,349	49,317	46,726
Zoning	13,017	11,938	13,006
General Government Buildings	51,981	60,501	53,271



Cemeteries	25,780	25,305	25,610
Insurance	50,865	50,894	52,100
Other General Government	14,000	14,268	14,000
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department	438,848	409,643	450,288
Fire Department	141,006	149,251	160,928
Code Enforcement & Inspection	28,124	29,149	28,813
Emergency Management	4,478	6,076	4,413
Safety Communications			
Services	35,708	35,653	34,045
<b>Highway</b>			
Highway Admin & Maintenance, Construction	808,980	806,251	810,780
Street Lighting	14,040	15,404	14,600
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Solid Waste Collection	143,968	130,437	144,755
Solid Waste Disposal	134,950	118,662	132,950
Solid Waste Recycling	11,500	7,610	7,100

<b>Health</b>			
Health/Community/School Programs	31,324	29,824	33,616
<b>Welfare</b>			
Administration & Direct Assistance	16,294	11,776	22,894
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>			
Parks & Recreation	72,644	76,779	77,648
Library	81,297	81,297	85,494
Other	7,565	8,164	7,689
<b>Conservation Commission</b>			
Administration & Operations	1,603	1,302	1,495
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	195,000	195,000	165,000
Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	58,675	58,675	49,000
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	0

<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
Land	0	0
Improvements	1,105,000	55,729
Machinery, Vehicles &		
Equipment	242,000	168,719
Buildings	40,000	42,567
		0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>		
To Special Revenue Fund	141,825	141,825
To Capital Reserve Funds	181,000	181,000
To Expendable Trust Funds	38,000	38,000
	4,832,673	3,638,743
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>3,723,917</b>

Revenue Source	Revenue	
	2008 Revenue Estimate	2009 Revenue Estimate
<b>Taxes</b>		
Land Use Change Taxes	40,000	40,000
Yield Taxes	15,000	10,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	12,005	11,609
Other Taxes	9,000	7,000
Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	60,000	73,000
Excavation Activity Tax	1,500	1,000
<b>Licenses, Permits &amp; Fees</b>		
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000	1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	410,000	382,000
Building Permits	30,000	26,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,000	4,000
<b>From State</b>		
Shared Revenue	5,814	5,814
	13,994	



Meals & Room Tax Distribution	95,000	91,166	96,000
Highway Block Grant	94,963	94,655	101,856
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,052	1,135	1,135
Other	832,000	2,583	0
From Other Governments	170,000	159,481	170,000
<b>Charges For Services</b>			
Income From Departments	50,000	48,642	60,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
Sale of Municipal Property	225,000	3,650	15,000
Interest on Investments	57,000	25,073	25,000
Other	6,000	5,810	6,000
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers</b>			
<b>In</b>			
Special Revenue Funds	141,825	141,955	137,440
Capital Reserve Funds	242,000	178,179	141,537
Cemetery			
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Long-Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0

Surplus	61,800	61,800	53,700
<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>REVENUES/CREDITS</b>	2,564,959	1,360,068	1,369,091
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>Year 2008 w/ articles</b>	<b>Year 2009 w/ articles</b>
<b>LESS ESTIMATED</b>		4,832,673	3,723,917
<b>REVENUES</b>		2,564,959	1,369,091
<b>AMOUNT OF TAXES TO</b>			
<b>RAISE</b>		2,267,714	2,354,826

**2007 Town Tax Rate = \$3.71**

**2008 Town Tax Rate = \$3.41**

**Projected 2009 Town Tax Rate = \$3.46; up .05 increase +1.47% with all warrant articles passing**

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Newbury  
Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Town of Newbury's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury, as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 21 and 50 through 54, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Newbury's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Grzelak and Co., P.C.

Grzelak and Company, P.C., CPA's  
Laconia, New Hampshire  
July 21, 2008

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2007

The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, as "management" of the Town of Newbury (the "Town"), a local municipality located in the County of Merrimack, New Hampshire, submits this section of the Town's annual financial report in order to present our discussion and analysis of the Town's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2007. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

Our discussion and analysis is in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town's total combined net assets increased by \$785,935 or 10% between December 31, 2006 and 2007.
- The Town's total combined net assets amounted to \$8,904,030 at December 31, 2007. Net assets consisted of: \$7,444,708 invested in capital assets net of related debt; \$744,046 restricted for special revenue funds; a capital projects fund deficit of \$302,300; \$404,238 restricted for other nonmajor funds for purposes of each established fund; and an unrestricted net asset balance of \$613,338.
- The Town has a \$1,205,947 liability for long-term obligations that, under GASB 34, reduces net assets. This does not mean that the Town has this entire payment requirement for next year; rather, only \$212,039 of these obligations is due to be paid during the year ended December 31, 2008.
- The Town's long-term liabilities, consisting of general obligation bonds, compensated absence obligations, capital leases, and unamortized bond premiums, decreased by a net (additions less reductions) \$196,057 during the year ended December 31, 2007. The net decrease consisted of \$21,872 in additions to the long-term liabilities and (\$217,929) in current year payments made.
- During the year, the Town's expenses were \$785,935 less than the \$10,648,886 in revenues generated for charges for services, operating grants and contributions and general revenues (consisting of property taxes and local, state and federal grants and contributions not restricted to specific purposes).
- The Town has seen changes and increases in diesel fuel for trucks, gas for police cruisers and heating oil and propane to heat town buildings.
- The Town's financial administration line item increased due to a new assistant assessor but the costs for this position are shared with the towns of New London and Sunapee.
- The Town had an increase in the police department for benefits for a full time position added last year. This year marks the second year of the municipal financing program for cruiser vehicle purchases.



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- Also, this year is a one time payment for software installed in police cruisers.
- The fire department wages increased for new wage structure and benefits.
- The Highway Department increase was due to an increase in paving costs.
- The Transfer Station costs increased due to a new full time employee and benefits.
- Parks and Recreation costs have increased hours for the recreation coordinator and the start up and maintenance of the Fishersfield Recreation area.
- The library has a new assistant librarian that has joined the staff.
- \$65,000 was needed to tear down and dispose of buildings on Bald Sunapee and Camacho properties.
- \$1,040,000 was needed for engineering and construction costs for new bridges on Sutton and Village Roads.
- \$180,000 was needed for purchase of new fire tanker.
- \$62,000 was needed for purchase of new highway department truck.
- \$40,000 was needed for a cold storage building at Fishersfield Recreation Area.

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## CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

### Net Assets

Exhibit B-1 shows the composition of the Town's total combined net assets, which increased between December 31, 2006 and 2007 by \$785,935 or 10% to \$8,904,030.

<b>Exhibit B-1</b>			
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and other assets	\$ 4,051,277	\$ 4,349,454	\$ 298,177
Noncurrent assets	7,906,011	8,619,708	713,697
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>11,957,288</b>	<b>12,969,162</b>	<b>1,011,874</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	2,517,652	2,941,397	423,745
Noncurrent liabilities	1,321,531	1,123,735	(197,796)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,839,183</b>	<b>4,065,132</b>	<b>225,949</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	6,531,001	7,444,708	913,707
Restricted	1,036,112	845,984	(190,128)
Unrestricted	550,982	613,338	62,356
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,118,095</b>	<b>\$ 8,904,030</b>	<b>\$ 785,935</b>

A portion of the net assets are either invested in capital assets or restricted as to the purposes they can be used for.

- The Town's investment in capital assets (land and land improvements, construction in progress, buildings, furniture and equipment and infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation), net of related debt, is the largest component of the total combined net assets.
- Restricted net assets represent capital project, capital reserves and specific fund net asset amounts that are not available for discretionary spending.

Unrestricted net assets are a positive of \$613,338; it is the result of having currently available resources that are more than current liabilities.

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### Change in Net Assets

The Town's total revenues were \$10,800,734 while total expenses were \$10,014,799, resulting in an increase in net assets of \$785,935.

Exhibit B-2 shows that a significant portion of the Town's total revenues came from the following general revenue sources; 85.76% from property taxes, 3.95% from local sources and unrestricted fees and, 1.62% from State of New Hampshire source intergovernmental revenues primarily derived from state aid programs. Program revenues directly associated with a specific department accounted for the following percentages of total revenues, charges for services provided 3.30% of total revenues while operating grants and contributions provided 2.86% of total revenues.

### Exhibit B-2 SOURCES OF TOWN REVENUES

	Governmental Activities								
	2006		2007		Change				
<b>Program Revenues</b>									
Charges for services	\$	335,376	3.50%	\$	356,685	3.30%	\$	21,309	6.35%
Operating grants and contributions		174,986	1.83%		309,371	2.86%		134,385	76.80%
Capital grants and contributions			0.00%		151,848	1.41%		151,848	0.00%
<b>General Revenues</b>									
Property taxes		8,313,318	86.80%		9,154,195	84.76%		840,877	10.11%
Local sources		442,330	4.62%		426,652	3.95%		(15,678)	-3.54%
State of New Hampshire sources		162,040	1.07%		174,767	1.62%		72,727	71.27%
Other sources		209,257	2.18%		227,216	2.10%		17,959	8.58%
	\$	9,577,307	100.00%	\$	10,800,734	100.00%	\$	1,223,427	12.77%

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Exhibit B-3 shows that 64.71% of the Town's total expenses were for statutory obligations to other governments; specifically, Merrimack County and the Kearsarge Regional School District. Public safety expenses accounted for 5.35% of total expenses, while 7.55% were for general government services and 6.39% were for maintenance of highways and streets.

### Exhibit B-3 TOWN EXPENSES

#### Governmental Activities

	2006			2007			Change		
Functions / Programs									
General government	\$	966,050	10.98%	\$	755,705	7.55%	\$	(210,345)	-21.77%
Public safety		412,464	4.69%		535,553	5.35%		123,089	29.84%
Highways and streets		438,561	4.98%		639,689	6.39%		201,128	45.86%
Sanitation		340,572	3.87%		327,517	3.27%		(13,055)	-3.83%
Health		27,566	0.31%		29,243	0.29%		1,677	6.08%
Welfare		8,872	0.10%		11,229	0.11%		2,357	26.57%
Culture and recreation		155,849	1.77%		177,645	1.77%		21,796	13.99%
Conservation		7,560	0.09%		211,874	2.12%		204,314	2702.57%
Debt service		68,127	0.77%		56,791	0.57%		(11,336)	-16.64%
Capital outlay		26,773	0.30%		288,941	2.89%		262,168	979.23%
Payments to other governments		5,898,137	67.03%		6,480,284	64.71%		582,147	9.87%
Other financing uses		672	0.01%		3,371	0.03%		2,699	401.64%
Unallocated									
Depreciation		448,092	5.09%		496,957	4.96%		48,865	10.91%
	\$	8,799,295	100.00%	\$	10,014,799	100.00%	\$	1,215,504	13.81%



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### Governmental Activities

Exhibit B-4 presents the net cost of the Town's largest functions based upon the total expense, less charges for services and operating grants and contributions, of each function. The net cost reflects the amount that was funded by general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid).

#### Exhibit B-4 TOTAL AND NET COST OF SERVICES

Functions / Programs	2006		2007	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
General government	\$ 966,050	\$ 808,552	\$ 755,705	\$ 590,619
Public safety	412,464	323,734	535,553	497,426
Highways and streets	438,561	343,393	639,689	356,583
Sanitation	340,572	177,837	327,517	154,638
Health	27,566	27,566	29,243	29,243
Welfare	8,872	8,872	11,229	11,229
Culture and recreation	155,849	149,618	177,645	170,767
Conservation	7,560	7,560	211,874	211,874
Debt Service	68,127	68,127	56,791	56,791
Capital outlay	26,773	26,773	288,941	137,093
Payments to other governments	5,898,137	5,898,137	6,480,284	6,480,284
Other financing uses/nonoperating expenses	672	672	3,371	3,371
<b>Unallocated</b>				
Depreciation	448,092	448,092	496,957	496,957
	<u>\$ 8,799,295</u>	<u>\$ 8,288,933</u>	<u>\$ \$ 496,957</u>	<u>\$ 9,196,895</u>

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The total cost of all governmental activities this year was \$10,014,799; the total net cost was \$9,196,895. The primary financing for these activities of the Town was as follows:

### Taxes

- The amount that was paid by taxpayers was \$8,980,713 from property taxes, \$97,900 from land use change taxes, \$13,401 from yield taxes, and \$21,995 from other taxes.
- Interest collected on delinquent taxes was \$83,284, while abatements charged against current year taxes were \$43,098.

### Local Sources

- Motor vehicle permit fees amounted to \$386,719.
- Other miscellaneous permits and fees amounted to \$39,933.

### State Sources

- Shared revenues and meals and rooms distributions were received in the amount of \$13,994 and \$85,555, respectively while other state sources were received in the amount of \$75,218.

### Miscellaneous Revenues

- Earnings on investments amounted to \$104,594.
- Contributions and donations were received in the amount of \$74,499.
- Other miscellaneous sources were received in the amount of \$51,123.

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### ANALYSIS OF BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

#### General Fund

The general fund balance increased \$64,790 during the year from a surplus balance of \$716,204 at December 31, 2006 to a \$780,994 fund balance at December 31, 2007. The December 31, 2007 fund balance consisted of \$9,456 in reserves for encumbrances and \$771,538 was unreserved.

#### Major Governmental Funds

##### Capital Reserve Funds

Expendable capital and maintenance reserve funds (established by voters at an annual Town meeting as trust funds in accordance with statutory requirements) are classified as special revenue funds and are reported as a major fund in the basic financial statements. The capital reserve fund balances increased \$165,161 during the year from \$578,885 at December 31, 2006 to \$744,046 at December 31, 2007. In accordance with statutory requirements they are held by the Trustees of Trust Funds and are only released for the restricted specific purposes of the individual funds.

##### Blodgett Sewer Project Fund

The Blodgett sewer project fund is classified as a capital project fund and is reported as a major fund in the basic financial statements. The Blodgett sewer project fund is used to account for the improvement of the wastewater treatment facility in the Blodgett area. The project is funded by general obligation debt and was partially completed as of December 31, 2007.

#### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

##### Library Fund

The library fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The library fund balance increased \$14,693 during the year from a surplus balance of \$11,681 at December 31, 2006 to a balance of \$26,374 at December 31, 2007.

##### Blodgett Sewer Fund

The sewer fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The sewer fund balance increased \$38,904 during the year from a surplus balance of \$40,631 at December 31, 2006 to a balance of \$79,535 at December 31, 2007.

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### Recreation Revolving Fund

The recreation revolving fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The recreation fund balance increased \$1,724 during the year from a surplus balance of \$2,028 at December 31, 2006 to a balance of \$3,752 at December 31, 2007.

### Conservation Fund

The conservation fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The conservation fund is financed from a portion of the land use change tax collections during the year. The conservation fund balance decreased \$161,037 during the year from a surplus balance of \$271,328 at December 31, 2006 to a balance of \$110,291 at December 31, 2007.

### Beautification Committee Fund

The beautification fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The beautification fund is financed through local donations. The beautification fund balance increased \$2,605 during the year from a balance of \$2,805 at December 31, 2006 to a balance of \$5,410 at December 31, 2007.

### Fisherfield Fund

The Fisherfield fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Fisherfield fund is used to account for the construction of a recreation park. Financing for the project is to come from a federal grant, property taxes, capital reserve funds and private donations. The Fisherfield fund had a remaining fund balance at December 31, 2007 in the amount of \$78,365.

### Newbury Harbor Sidewalk Fund

The Newbury Harbor Sidewalk fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Newbury Harbor Sidewalk fund is used to account for the construction of a sidewalk along the Newbury Harbor. Financing for the project is to come from a federal grant, property taxes, and private donations. The sidewalk project was still in its preliminary phase as of December 31, 2007.

### Common Trust Funds

The common trust funds are classified as permanent funds and are aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The common trust funds balance increased \$14,405 during the year from a surplus balance of \$99,068 at December 31, 2006 to a balance of \$113,473 at December 31, 2007. The fund balance is comprised of \$88,100 reserved for endowments and \$25,373 of unreserved fund balance.



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### GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended December 31, 2007 the Town did not revise its statutory budgetary line items; rather, the Town's budgetary control was managed on an aggregate total budget-to-actual basis; total estimated revenues and appropriations versus actual revenues and expenditures.

#### Final Versus Original Budget Comparison

The original and final budget amounts were different in the amount of \$24,935 as the result of encumbrances brought forward from the prior year.

#### Actual Versus Final Budget Comparison

The amounts of actual inflows (resources) and outflows (charges to appropriations) varied from the final budget for the following significant items:

- Actual inflows (resources) exceeded the budgetary revenue estimates by a positive variance of \$1,029,021. This was primarily attributable to; \$670,269 in fund balance which was retained (not used to reduce taxes), and federal FEMA funds received in the amount of \$190,719.
- Actual total outflows (expenditures or charges to appropriations) were more than the budgeted total appropriation by \$248,027. A significant portion of these over expenditures were from transfers to capital project funds to cover excess costs in those funds.

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### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### Capital Assets

At December 31, 2007, the Town had invested \$8,619,708 (\$20,762,543 at cost or estimated cost less accumulated depreciation of \$12,142,835) in a broad range of capital assets, including land and land improvements, Infrastructure, buildings, vehicles and furniture and equipment as summarized in Exhibit C-1.

This amount represents a net increase of 9.03% over the prior year. This year major additions are also summarized in Exhibit C-1.

**Exhibit C-1**  
**NET CAPITAL ASSETS AND MAJOR ADDITIONS**  
Governmental Activities

Net Capital Assets	2006	2007	Change
Land and improvements	\$ 1,272,363	\$ 1,653,305	29.94%
Construction in progress	63,615	420,439	560.91%
Infrastructure	11,520,440	11,649,875	1.12%
Buildings	4,052,756	4,231,193	4.40%
Vehicles	1,370,141	1,344,671	-1.84%
Machinery and equipment	1,277,763	1,341,892	5.02%
Technology equipment	75,577	120,568	60.06%
<b>Capital assets, at cost</b>	<b>19,632,655</b>	<b>20,762,543</b>	<b>5.76%</b>
Accumulated depreciation	(11,726,654)	(12,142,835)	-3.55%
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 7,906,001</b>	<b>\$ 8,619,708</b>	<b>9.03%</b>
<b>Increase in Capital Assets, Net</b>		<b>\$ 713,707</b>	
<b>Changes</b>			
Land and Improvement additions		\$ 380,942	
Construction in progress		356,824	
Infrastructure addition		129,435	
Building additions		178,437	
Vehicle purchases		34,430	
Machinery and equipment additions		88,376	
Technology additions		45,591	
Gain (Loss) on disposals		(3,371)	
Depreciation		(496,957)	
		<b>\$ 713,707</b>	

More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

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## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Town management and the Selectmen considered many factors when submitting the 2008 budget to the municipal Budget Committee and the town voters.

These considerations included factoring in higher fuel prices, increased costs for paving roads, additional costs for utilities in new, expanded buildings, and an increase in personnel at the Police Department.

In developing the budget for 2008, the Town Administrator met with all department heads to discuss their proposed budget in light of that requested for the previous year, as well as actual expenditures for 2007. Proposed budgets were then discussed, line item by line item, by the Town Administrator with the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Department heads were also invited to these budget discussions.

While some budgets remain relatively flat from year to year, some are impacted by economic factors, personnel changes, need for new equipment, etc. For instance, an increase in the Parks & Recreation budget covered hiring a new Activities Coordinator and the costs of Newbury's first Old Home Day. The Police Department budget increase covered new equipment, communication costs, salaries and the County Attorney stipend. Solid Waste Collection was raised to include buying a truck and plow, and the Highway Department increase covered replacement equipment, costs of crack sealing, gravel, etc. An increase in the Planning Board budget was made to cover expenses related to updating the Master Plan.

Financial Administration's budget rose sharply to reflect the cost of hiring a town assessor, and related expenditures. 2007 was the first year of implementing an innovative agreement among the towns of Newbury, Sunapee, and New London to share an assessor. The costs of this venture to Newbury will be offset by reimbursement from the other two towns. The budget for Legal costs was cut to reflect anticipated lower costs for settling appeals of property tax abatements, due to the new assessing arrangement.

Several warrant articles also impacted the overall 2008 budget. An expense of \$16,000 for a new generator for the Safety Services building was approved, as well as \$38,000 for an air cleaning system for that building. Costs of paving all town roads in Ramblewood and a portion of Old Post Road totaled \$290,000. Also, several subdivision roads were accepted by the town, adding to maintenance costs. Approval of raising \$1,700,000 in a bond to cover upgrading the Blodgett Wastewater Treatment facility did not impact the 2007 budget, but will be reflected in 2008.

## CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Administrator.

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Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
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## Assets

	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Blodgett Sewer Project	Non major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,252,124	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,822	\$ 2,291,946
Investments	1,240	750,436	-	256,651	1,008,327
Property taxes receivable	619,881	-	-	-	619,881
Land use taxes receivable	13,300	-	-	-	13,300
Timber taxes receivable	448	-	-	-	448
Tax liens receivable	210,060	-	-	-	210,060
Accounts receivable	99,318	-	-	15,682	115,000
Other receivables	58	-	-	-	58
Due from other governments	-	-	-	77,262	77,262
Due from other funds	59,575	-	5,507	79,903	144,985
Prepaids	4,072	-	-	-	4,072
Total assets	\$ 3,260,076	\$ 750,436	\$ 5,507	\$ 469,320	\$ 4,485,339

## Liabilities and Fund Balances

### Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 133,825	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,825
Accrued expenses	576	-	-	-	576
Due to other governments	2,264,778	6,390	-	-	2,271,168
Due to other funds	79,903	-	-	65,082	144,985
Notes payable	-	-	307,807	-	307,807
Total liabilities	2,479,082	6,390	307,807	65,082	2,858,361

### Fund balances:

Reserved for:					
Encumbrances	9,456	-	-	-	9,456
Continuing appropriations	-	-	1,397,700	-	1,397,700
Endowments	-	-	-	88,100	88,100
Unreserved	771,538	744,046	(1,700,000)	-	(184,416)
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:					
Special revenue funds	-	-	-	225,362	225,362
Capital project funds	-	-	-	65,403	65,403
Permanent trust funds	-	-	-	25,373	25,373
Total fund balances	780,994	744,046	(302,300)	404,238	1,626,978

Total liabilities and fund balances \$ 3,260,076 \$ 750,436 \$ 5,507 \$ 469,320 \$ 4,485,339



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## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds Year Ended December 31, 2007

	General Fund		Capital	Budget Nonmajor Sewer	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Taxes	\$	9,154,195	\$	-	\$ 9,154,195
Licenses, permits and fees		426,652	-	-	426,652
Federal sources		220,885	-	151,948	372,733
State of NH sources		263,253	-	-	263,253
Charges for services		202,912	-	150,473	353,385
Miscellaneous revenues		7,664	-	69,018	76,682
Investment income		57,823	32,220	-	14,551
Total revenues		10,333,384	32,220	-	385,990
					10,751,494
Expenditures					
General government		813,477	-	7,628	821,105
Public safety		550,762	-	-	550,762
Highways and streets		726,186	-	-	726,186
Sanitation		229,538	-	110,374	339,912
Health		29,243	-	-	29,243
Welfare		11,229	-	-	11,229
Culture and recreation		151,061	-	36,131	187,192
Conservation		1,024	-	210,850	211,874
Debt service:					
Principal		200,000	-	-	200,000
Interest		68,600	-	-	68,600
Capital outlay		642,598	292,013	337,371	1,271,982
Payments to other governments		6,480,284	-	-	6,480,284
Total expenditures		9,904,002	292,013	702,354	10,898,369
		429,382	32,220	(292,013)	(316,464)
					(146,875)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures					
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers in		77,059	210,000	-	253,188
Transfers out		(463,188)	(77,059)	-	-
Capital lease financing		21,537	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances		64,790	165,161	(292,013)	(63,276)
					(125,338)
Fund balances - beginning of year		716,204	578,885	(10,287)	467,514
					1,752,316
Fund balances - end of year	\$	780,994	\$ 744,046	\$ (302,300)	\$ 404,238
					\$ 1,626,978

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## **NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the Town for the year ended December 31, 2007 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental Activities (at cost)</b>				
<b>Capital assets not being depreciated:</b>				
Land and improvements	\$ 1,058,261	\$ 342,878	\$ -	\$ 1,401,139
Construction in progress	63,615	356,824	-	420,439
	<u>1,121,876</u>	<u>699,702</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,821,578</u>
<b>Capital assets being depreciated:</b>				
Land improvements	214,102	38,064	-	252,166
Infrastructure	11,520,440	129,435	-	11,649,875
Buildings	4,052,756	178,437	-	4,231,193
Vehicles	1,370,141	34,430	59,700	1,344,871
Machinery and equipment	1,277,763	88,376	24,247	1,341,892
Technology equipment	75,577	45,591	200	120,968
	<u>18,510,779</u>	<u>514,333</u>	<u>84,147</u>	<u>18,940,965</u>
<b>Less accumulated depreciation:</b>				
Land improvements	28,321	42,309	-	70,630
Infrastructure	9,290,469	129,755	-	9,420,224
Buildings	759,349	112,014	-	871,363
Vehicles	799,972	98,832	59,700	839,104
Machinery and equipment	804,721	99,084	20,996	882,809
Technology equipment	43,822	14,963	80	58,705
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>	<u>11,726,654</u>	<u>496,957</u>	<u>80,776</u>	<u>12,142,835</u>
<b>Capital assets being depreciated, net</b>	<u>6,784,125</u>	<u>17,376</u>	<u>3,371</u>	<u>6,798,130</u>
<b>Governmental activities capital assets, Net of accumulated depreciation</b>				
	<u>\$ 7,906,001</u>	<u>\$ 717,078</u>	<u>\$ 3,371</u>	<u>\$ 8,619,709</u>
<b>Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2007 (unallocated)</b>				
				<u>\$ 496,957</u>

**NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The Town can issue general obligation debt instruments to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital equipment, infrastructure and other facilities. General obligation debt instruments are "direct government obligations" and consequently are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town is obligated under certain leases accounted for as capital leases. The leased assets are accounted for as capital assets and capital lease liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements the lease is recorded as an expenditure and other financing source in the year executed; annual lease payments are recorded as expenditures when paid. Other long-term obligations include compensated absences and early retirement obligations.

A summary of long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2007 is as follows:

	General Obligation Bonds	Capital Leases Obligations	Compensated Absences	Unamortized Bond Premium	Total
Beginning balance	\$ 1,375,000	\$ -	\$ 74,431	\$ 82,400	\$ 1,531,831
Additions	-	21,537	335	-	21,872
Reductions	(200,000)	(7,629)	-	(10,300)	(217,929)
Ending balance	1,175,000	13,908	74,766	72,100	1,335,774
Current portion	195,000	6,739	-	10,300	212,039
Noncurrent portion	980,000	7,169	74,766	61,800	1,123,735
	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 13,908	\$ 74,766	\$ 72,100	\$ 1,335,774

Long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2007 consisted of the following:

	Issue Year	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Original Amount of Issue	Amount Outstanding 12/31/07
General Obligation Bonds					
Library Renovation Bond	1998	4.58%	2008	\$ 310,000	\$ 30,000
Highway Garage and Town Office	2004	3.63%	2014	1,647,000	1,145,000
					1,175,000
Capital Lease Obligations				\$	
Police Cruiser	2007		2009	21,537	13,908
					13,908
Other Long-Term Obligations					
Compensated absences					74,766
Unamortized bond premium					72,100
					146,866
					1,335,774

# **TOWN OF NEWBURY**

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Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds are as follows:

		Principal	Interest	Total
2 0 0 8	\$	195,000	\$ 58,675	\$ 253,675
2 0 0 9		165,000	49,000	214,000
2010		165,000	40,750	205,750
2011		165,000	32,500	197,500
2012		165,000	24,250	189,250
After		320,000	24,000	344,000
	\$	1,175,000	\$ 229,175	\$ 1,404,175

Obligations under capital lease are as follows:

2008	\$	7,629
2009		7,628
2010		-
After		-
Total minimum lease payments		15,257
Less amount representing imputed interest		(1,349)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$	13,908



## Highway Department

2008 was another eventful year for the town of Newbury. We had one of the busiest winters in recent history. There were fifty-two weather-related events that required the highway department to plow and/or sand the roads between November 20, 2007 and April 7, 2008. This required each employee to spend about 365 hours on maintaining the town roads. The department also used approximately 3,335 cubic yards of sand. I would like to thank the members of the highway department for all their extra effort and dedication to keep things running smoothly during this extremely trying winter.

The first 6,500 feet of Baker Hill Road was paved with aprons on County Road South and Stoney Brook Road. The first 900 feet of County Road North was shimmed and overlaid. The remaining 4,825 feet of Baker Hill Road was reclaimed along with 980 feet of Haynes Road. These two projects combined came in under budget.

The highway department was also busy in 2008 with the usual duties of snow removal, grading, culvert replacement, ditching, sweeping, and mowing. Other major projects the department completed this year are: the construction of the pad for the new garage at Fishersfield; all the prep work for the concrete pads for the roll-offs at the transfer station; backfilled the cellar holes at Bald Sunapee; and hauled a substantial amount of ditching material to the upper area of Fishersfield for future expansion needs.

As always, sand is still available at the hold highway shed on Sutton Road for all town residents.

My sincere thanks to the residents for all their support, the highway department staff for their continued hard work, the board of selectmen, town office staff, the police department and the fire personnel for their assistance.

*Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator*

## **Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The wastewater treatment facility at Blodgett has had some updates in the past year. The first is a new walkway that makes things a little safer in the area. A new fresh coat of paint was also applied to the pump station.

In April, the state mandated that a new discharge permit was needed every five years and that state testing needed to be increased to weekly and monthly for water testing.

We are currently in the process of temporarily winterizing the recycle piping and effluent recycle pump to keep the nitrate levels less than 10 mg/l.

The ice storm of '08 was hard on the generators at the two pump stations, but all in all, everything turned out okay at the end of the troublesome storm.

Stantec Design Engineers and the NH Department of Environmental Services are currently reviewing the designs for an upgrade for the treatment plant and the pump station.

Thank you to all the residents of Blodgett Landing, the town administration and Dave Thayer for their continued support.

*Tim Mulder, Chief Operator*



*One of the planters put out by the  
Newbury Beautification Committee.  
Photo courtesy Cheron Barton*

## Health Officer

The year 2008 saw the completion of much of the work that had been done over the last several years on the regional health hazards emergency plan. Newbury, New London and a number of communities in Sullivan County have been working as the Greater Sullivan County All Health Hazards Region to develop a plan that would respond to an influenza pandemic or other large-scale health emergency. In addition to completing several sections of the plan, the committee conducted several exercises, including one where an actual flu shot clinic was run to test the plan's public vaccination procedures. In 2009, the focus will be to outreach to the public on health emergency preparedness and working with communities that have not been involved in the health emergency planning. Representatives from the committee were on hand on Old Home Day to display the work of the committee and provide public health information.

The Newbury health officer continues to be a resource for public health information to the residents of Newbury. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services frequently issues bulletins on health-related issues affecting residents of the state. Information of interest to the residents of Newbury is posted on the town of Newbury website ([www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)) on the health officer's page along with information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and other public health organizations. Copies of these fact sheets are also available at the town office. The health officer is available through the town office to answer public health questions and provide information on health concerns.

*Wayne R. Whitford, Health Officer*

## **Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association**

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) remains grateful for the opportunities to provide home health, hospice, long-term care and community health services to all residents of Newbury. Our mission remains to provide these services to support the dignity and independence of all individuals and families in your community. We strongly believe in the value and necessity of home care and the LSRVNA board of directors has reaffirmed that, within its financial resources, the agency will continue to provide Newbury residents with all its services, except for long-term, private-duty care, regardless of insurance coverage or any patient's ability to pay for care.

I believe that a good visiting nurse agency occupies a unique niche in both the health care system and the communities within which it operates. In today's health care environment, most of the focus is on treating a disease or illness. To be sure, this is a focus of LSRVNA staff as well. However, the agency goes one step further: We seek to provide education and emotional support to motivate and empower individuals to not only recover to the fullest extent possible, but to make informed independent choices about how to lead their lives and prevent future illness. When an individual is terminally ill, our focus is to provide comfort and support the dignity and essential worth of not only our patient, but our patient's family as well. Our support groups and clinics provide preventative care, emotional support and expert advice to all who choose to partake. I consider LSRVNA employees fortunate to be allowed into individual homes to provide most of our services. This intimate setting allows us to address not only disease and illness, but the complicated emotional, psychological and social issues that accompany them.

LSRVNA has always embraced the role of technology in home health care. Utilization of newer and sophisticated treatments have enabled some individuals to recover in their homes when,



just a few years ago, their only options were to remain in a hospital or to receive care in a nursing home. Although the agency does perform the most modern home care treatments available, when compared to much of our health care system, we are somewhat low-tech providers. Our greatest and most valuable asset is the personalized one-on-one care and teaching that our nurses, therapists, home health aides, homemakers, volunteers and counselors provide to our patients.

Unfortunately, health care reimbursement is often driven by technology and procedures such as MRIs and operations; home care remains an under-funded component of the system. For example, the average charge for two nights of room, board and nursing care (not including any tests, medications or procedures) in a hospital is roughly equal to the amount of money that a VNA is reimbursed for providing up to 60 days of Medicare-funded home care. As a result, LSRVNA depends on the financial support of the towns and individuals within the area it serves. That is why your ongoing support is so vitally necessary.

Over the past 12 months, LSRVNA staff provided care to more than 260 Newbury residents. Here is a partial breakdown of the services provided:

- Community health clinics (blood pressure, foot care and flu clinics) provided services to at least 184 individuals;
- Our staff made over 1669 home care visits to 77 children, adults and newborns;
- Thirteen elderly and disabled individuals received over 1825 hours of supportive in-home care. Over 1000 of these hours were reimbursed by New Hampshire Medicaid at a rate equal to about 65% of our cost and
- Four residents received compassionate end-of-life care in their homes through our hospice program. Their families and loved ones will be provided with bereavement and grief support services at no charge.

Again, although I believe that a vibrant VNA is an integral part of any community, LSRVNA would not exist without your ongoing support. Speaking on behalf of all agency employees, I am grateful for your continued support and wish you all happiness and the best of health in the coming year.

*Scott Fabry, RN, President and CEO*



*Dunking for apples at the Newbury Fall Foliage Festival.  
Photo courtesy Maureen Dezotell*

## **New London Hospital**

As we celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> year of service to the town of Newbury, our campus reflects the investment all of us are making in the health of our families and friends.

- Our 24/7 ambulance service continues to serve the community with financial support from the town.
- The team of Andrew Best, MD, David Corbin, MD, Hank Horak, MD, Kenneth Call, MD and Steve Powell, MD continues to provide 24/7 care in the emergency department and saw over 7,000 patients in 2008.
- We held our 6<sup>th</sup> annual emergency services conference at Mount Sunapee Resort, attracting over 400 participants.
- The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) recognized our patient care quality in the areas of community-acquired pneumonia and surgical care. In addition, New London Hospital serves as a mentor hospital on quality issues with other hospitals across the country.
- New London Hospital is on the Harvard Pilgrim honor roll in recognition of our standing in the top 25% of hospitals nationally for the results of our quality measures as reported by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services.
- The volume of our clinical services grew over 7% in FY 2008, with increases in patient visits to lab, oncology and radiology. In addition, the number of patients selecting New London Hospital for primary care, the number of surgery cases performed in our operating rooms, as well as visits to the Emergency Room all increased.
- The hospital began a pain management program under the direction of Julie Sorensen, MD in collaboration with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

- Working with three other area hospitals and one radiology practice, a picture archiving communication system (PACS) for radiology studies was activated, which allows physicians to access and review digital images on a computer from any location.
- A new DexaScan machine has been installed to provide improved bone density screenings.
- Our survey by the state Critical Access Hospital surveyors was successfully completed in September.
- We continue to ensure that we have quality providers to meet the primary care needs of our patients and we strive to provide the specialty services appropriate for our hospital:
  - Our primary care providers have been joined by three new colleagues—Arthur Moore, MD, Internal Medicine in New London; Marie Prinsen, MD, Family Medicine in New London; Christine Dube, ARNP, Family Practice in New London.
- The Clough Center initiated a hospitalist program, providing increased physician access for residents and their families.
- Craig Labore, MA, NHA joined the management team of the hospital as administrator of the Clough Center.
- The hospital generated a gain from operations of .5%
- The hospital continues to implement new modules of its healthcare information system in the inpatient unit and operating rooms. Electronic Medical Records (EMR) implementation is on schedule to be used in the new physician offices after the building is occupied this winter.
- The *Building Towards the Future* project is on budget. The new attached building is nearing completion and we expect occupancy by the middle of February 2009.
- Our capital campaign for *Building Towards the Future* has raised \$6.7 million of our \$7.2 million goal.



- We continue very thoughtful deliberation of the opportunity to create a Continuous Care Retirement Community (CCRC) on hospital land. We are researching a variety of options and speaking with several experts in the field.
- Community support for New London Hospital exceeded our projections with a very successful annual fund, our third Grand Gala, our fifth annual golf tournament and our 84<sup>th</sup> Hospital Days.
- The New London Hospital art program continues to showcase the works of local artists over the year with quarterly exhibits, bringing the art of healing to our walls for patients, visitors and staff. We are very grateful that the artists donate a percentage of all their sales to New London Hospital.
- Volunteer service to the hospital totaled more than 20,732 hours, with a value of over \$374,213. The Friends of New London Hospital also contributed countless hours supporting a variety of community-based programs.

We look to 2009 with excitement and expectation as we complete our expansion and renovation project and unite our campus. By June 2009, pediatrics and rehabilitative services will be back on campus and there will be one main entrance, one registration area for all services and significantly enlarged parking areas. All inpatients will have private rooms and our specialty services area—oncology, pain management, cardiology, Coumadin, and sleep disorders center—will be in new, enlarged space.

New London Hospital expresses its deep appreciation to the community for its support and interest in the Hospital's future.

*Dudley R. Smith, Chairman, Board of Trustees*  
*Bruce P. King, President & CEO*

**Community Action Program  
Kearsarge Valley Area Center  
Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 2008**

**Commodity Supplemental Food Program** is a nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under age six, women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth. (An individual may not be enrolled in both WIC and CSFP, but a family may have members in both programs.)

**Congregate Meals** – All elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/senior centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events. Value: \$6.68 per meal.

**Meals-On-Wheels** provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value: \$6.98 per meal.

**Transportation** provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregate meal sites. Value \$8.00 per ridership.

**Emergency Food Pantries** provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value: \$5.00 per meal.

**Fuel Assistance** is available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled. The average benefit for the 2007-08 program was \$734.00.

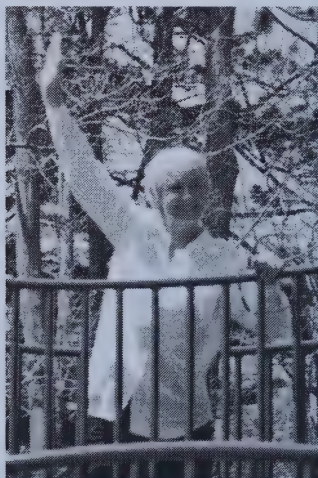
**Electric Assistance** program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 5% to 70% on electric bills for eligible households.

**Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.)** provides specific food to supplement the daily diet of pregnant or nursing women and children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services.

**Family Planning** provides confidential, comprehensive gynecological care, including complete medical exams, breast exams, Pap smears, pregnancy testing, birth control and counseling.

**Neighbor Helping Neighbor** provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.

**Information and Referral** – CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.



*Catherine Feeney waves from  
the new equipment at the Velie  
Memorial Playground.  
Photo courtesy Holly von Svoboda*

<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Units of Service</b>	<b>Households/ Persons</b>	<b>Value</b>
Commodity Supplemental Food Program		Households - 7	\$4,200.00
Congregate Meals	Meals - 520	Persons - 33	\$3,473.60
Meals-On-Wheels	Meals – 1,038	Persons - 9	\$7,245.24
Transportation	Rides - 8	Persons - 3	\$64.00
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals – 1,620	Persons - 162	\$8,100.00
Fuel Assistance	Applications - 35	Persons - 80	\$27,750.00
Electric Assistance		Households - 33	\$14,454.00
W.I.C.		Households - 8	\$5,980.80
Family Planning	Stats. Not Available		
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	Grants - 1		\$200.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$71,467.64</b>

*Laura Hall, Area Director*  
Kearsarge Valley Area Center



## **Family Services**

2008 has been a busy year for the family services department in the town of Newbury. Thirteen families have been assisted.

Concerns about the economy and the rising heating costs prompted the idea of helping those in need that could use wood to supplement their primary heat source. With this idea, Newbury's first Woodchuck Day was born. On a beautiful October morning, some hardworking residents of Newbury met at Fishersfield Recreation Area to help cut and split the collected wood. Approximately eight families in Newbury qualified for this wood. The gesture was much appreciated by these families.

In coordination with the South Newbury Union Church and the generous people of the town, nineteen Thanksgiving and twenty-seven Christmas baskets were made available and delivered to local families. Also, thanks to a special benefactor, each family received a gift certificate that they could use to purchase gifts for their children.

The generosity of those who donated to the Giving Tree was spectacular this year. Forty-three children received a special (wish) gift that they requested. New this year, families also received a gift certificate to Market Basket to help with their holiday dinners.

A special thank you goes to the church for holding its annual breakfast with Santa and giving the proceeds to the Giving Tree.

Again, this year, the town benefited from the Mount Sunapee Resort's Share and Care Day. On a specified day, each skier is asked to bring canned or dry goods to the mountain in exchange for a reduction on their lift ticket. The resort then distributes the goods to the surrounding towns.

This year, the response to the need for food was great and the basket at the town office was emptied many times. This donated food was offered to those in need when the families picked up their Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

Again this past holiday season, I was overwhelmed with phone calls from individuals, families, organizations and committees interested in volunteering and donating time, money, food, holiday baskets, wreaths and holiday presents for those in Newbury in need.

You can be sure that everyone's efforts were greatly appreciated especially in this stressful time and uncertain economy.

*Gail Bostic, Family Services Director*



*Volunteers help cut wood for Newbury residents in need.*

*Photo courtesy Travis Dezotell*

## Kearsarge Area Council on Aging

COA's motto in fulfilling its basic mission is "People Helping People". From a philosophical standpoint COA provides multiple ongoing opportunities for area seniors to get out, participate in activities which keep their minds and bodies in action and improve the quality of their lives. There are many studies which support the fact that seniors who volunteer, get out to socialize and stay active live longer, healthier lives and stay longer in their homes.

From a practical standpoint, in 2008, COA volunteers drove members from the nine-town area 46,000 miles. COA's transportation program provides home pick up and return to people who are unable to drive, all at no charge and with no reimbursement. To put this overwhelming statistic in perspective, COA maintains ongoing separate listings of so-called 'ongoing rides'; those people who require treatment at the VA hospital, White River Junction, Concord or Hitchcock hospitals. Oncology patients can often receive treatments only at hospitals other than the New London Hospital, sometimes requiring transportation on a daily basis.

COA has a thriving senior center with over 54 programs. The center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Come for exercises or cards, attend an enrichment or educational program or just have coffee with friends! A full library and video library awaits, computer instruction, knitting group, a multitude of volunteer opportunities and most important a community of people who care about each other. COA is making significant contributions to the health, well being and quality of life of residents in the area and they value these services as evidenced by the high membership and the thousands of valuable hours of volunteer time they are willing to give.

*Kay Butler, Chairman*

	<u>2008</u>	<u>1996</u>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>2452</b>	<b>628</b>
<b>Newsletter Delivery</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>No. of COA Programs</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>No. of Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>10,905</b>	<b>4,900</b>
<b>No. of Volunteer Miles</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>

## **Conservation Commission**

The Newbury Conservation Commission continues to advocate and work in an advisory role to preserve and protect our local environment. We have been very busy this year. Bill Weiler, the chair of the commission for over a decade, resigned. His dedication is greatly appreciated. Before stepping down he was able to lead the commission in implementing and publishing a conservation plan and a Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). These two documents are now part of Newbury's 2008 master plan. Copies of the conservation plan and NRI are available, free of charge, at the town office. The board worked very hard to write these documents, along with project field scientist Ann Poole. A big thank you goes to Ann and to the commissioners for all their efforts in this valuable project. The conservation plan booklet contains wonderful detail maps of our town. As educational documents, they can be useful as a guide in selecting areas that need protecting and further our conservation vision and knowledge to preserve our town's rural character.

The Newbury Conservation Commission has been called upon to advise on several environmental issues. We had several challenging Department of Environmental Services wetlands projects to review, including the state beach, the Chalk Pond area, and the Fells. During the year the commission reviewed applications and made visits to most sites to advise the NH Wetlands Board on potential environmental problems and concerns. The applications break down into several different categories and are as follows for 2008:

- Intent to cut - 9

- Town applications for tree cutting in the buffer zone - 6

- New permits - 15:

  - 6 Dock repair

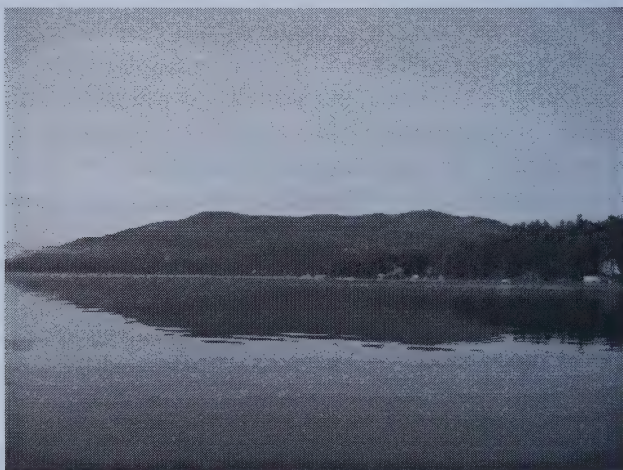
  - 4 Boathouse repair/replacement

  - Remainder of permit requests were for sidewalks, driveway changes, home sites & sewage systems.



The commission, along with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), assisted Suzanne Levine in donating a parcel of her land for conservation. Her conservation easement of 9.94 acres is along Cunningham Brook, which is a tributary to Lake Sunapee. The conservation commission reimbursed Suzanne Levine for expenses of \$5,395.00 that were incurred in the process of donating her easement. This is one of the many ways one can protect/preserve land. If you are considering such a project for your property, we would be glad to discuss and help you in the process.

Dean and Clare Bensley, through Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, donated a conservation easement on 63 acres located south of Mountain Road. This easement lies between Sunapee Ridge and Bald Sunapee. This conservation easement offers opportunities for public use, with a trail network and exciting wildlife. The Newbury Conservation Commission did not assist in implementing this easement, however it is worth mentioning because it is a great addition to our protected areas in Newbury.



*Early morning on Lake Sunapee  
Photo courtesy Katheryn Holmes*

Many townspeople are enjoying Fishersfield Park and the town forest. We applaud all the citizens that created our new recreation park and hiking trails (3.4 miles). Charles Crickman has been appointed to represent the conservation commission to clarify the conservation commission role with the town forest.

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust hosted a conservation summit and numerous workshops. They realize how important it is to collaborate in a regional scope. They sponsored several educational workshops that the commission attended. All the conservation commissions in our region were invited to a workshop called "*Maintaining Rural Character*." At this workshop we discovered that the commissions around our region share the same goal to maintain the rural character of our towns. These types of meetings and discussions are open to all interested people and serve to help us understand the challenges/goals in our regional communities. United as a region, attending discussions and workshops, creates a conservation community that together can exchange and understand conservation problems and goals.

A member of ASLPT stated, "New Hampshire is the fastest-growing New England state. Our population is expected to increase by 30% in the next 20 years. Nestled between the Upper Valley and the southern tier, we are challenged to prepare for progress while maintaining our quality of life." Newbury Conservation Commission is ever mindful of these challenges.

Conservation commissioners attended several educational meetings and workshops, sponsored by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES), to learn about the new Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) that went into effect on July 1, 2008. We will continue to advise and share this vital environmental protection act with town residents and applicants. The CSPA can be found on the DES website: [des.nh.gov](http://des.nh.gov).

The chair of the conservation commission, Katheryn Holmes, attended a meeting sponsored by the federal Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss and participate in a vision session to help create a conservation plan for the John Hay Wildlife Refuge. These meetings will continue into 2009, it is hoped, formulating a plan and goals for the federal wildlife refuge portion of the Fells. The wildlife refuge was designated as a sanctuary for migrating birds by the John Hay family. By maintaining low human impact, this protected watershed and shoreland will continue to be vital for the healthy water of Lake Sunapee.

The conservation commission continues to make available maps for the hiking trails in Newbury (\$1.00 at the town office). Website information: Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway at [www.msgtc.org](http://www.msgtc.org) and the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition at [www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com).

The commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the town office building. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the discussion or offer their input/suggestions. There are openings for new members and we encourage those who would like to be more involved in protecting the environment to please come forward.

<i>Katheryn C. Holmes, Chair</i>	<i>Suzanne Levine</i>
<i>Eric Unger, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Charles Crickman</i>
<i>William Annable</i>	<i>Frank Perotta, Alternate</i>
<i>Deane Gedde, Alternate</i>	

## **The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust**

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) has been a leader in the conservation of our natural resources in the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region for more than two decades. This non-profit, citizen-based group's mission is to protect the rural landscape of this region.

Operated by a volunteer board of fourteen trustees, the ASLPT has grown from an all-volunteer organization with an initial charter membership of 475 into an organization of over 1,100 memberships with a full-time executive director, two full-time land protection specialists and four part-time office assistants. We are pleased to have 100+ volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments and clerical work. Since our founding in 1987, the ASLPT has completed 100 projects and protected a total of 6,203 acres. All of our conservation lands must provide for some public benefit and two thirds of our properties offer public access.

Many of our members are involved in our events, are easement monitors, volunteer to assist with office work, organize fund-raising events and serve on various committees. We are especially thankful for their support and the countless hours that they give us during the year. Our members are the lifeblood of the ASLPT and if you are not already a member, I urge you to become one.

During the calendar year of 2008, the ASLPT conserved eight properties including our 100<sup>th</sup> project. Integrated into your rural landscape forever are the following conservation easement properties: Baptist Pond Trust, 6.52 acres, Springfield; Town of Sutton-Russell Pond, 8.48 acres; Thad and Virginia Johnson, 92 acres, Sutton Mills; Shadow Hill Woodlot – Lorraine and Tim Davis, 50 acres, Sutton; Bradford Bog/Bradford Hotel & Spring, 177.8 acres; and Courser Phase 3 – three separate conservation easements, 440 acres, Warner



and Webster. In early January 2009, we anticipate closing on two New London properties and one Georges Mills property.

We also had an opportunity to work with the neighbors at Soo Nipi Park in conjunction with Lake Sunapee Protective Association to find a buyer to conserve 100 acres crucial to the Lake Sunapee watershed.

In April 2008 we were thrilled to be able to move to our new office located at 71 Pleasant Street. We are delighted to have the much needed additional work stations, storage and meeting space. Timed with the office move, we added two new members to our staff: Nancy Smith, administrative assistant and Andy Deegan, land protection specialist.

The outreach committee of the ASLPT cosponsored a conference in April 2008 with the Center for Land Conservation Assistance, "*Saving Special Places*". The conference addressed the issues of planning and conservation, land conservation basics, funding, land management and other topics of interest to town decision makers. In November 2008 the committee sponsored a workshop, "*Maintaining Rural Character*", for the decision makers on town boards and commissions in our region. The workshop provided opportunities for the participants to compare current policies to retain their rural character through zoning, planning and conservation.

The land trust has been working throughout 2008 to achieve accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission which is an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. The alliance conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs to insure that the land trust follows accepted accreditation practices. The public is increasingly demanding accountability from government and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. The land trust community has voluntarily heeded the calls for self-regulation. The accreditation seal will provide the land trust with enhanced

credibility and respect from land conservation donors, members and others.

For further information regarding our land projects and future events, please visit our website at [www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org).

I would like to thank everyone involved with the ASLPT either as an easement donor, a member or as one who contributes many volunteer hours to the organization. I am especially grateful to our generous supportive members who sustain the land trust. And on behalf of present and future generations, a heartfelt thank you to all the willing landowners who love their land and recognize that their actions will preserve our rural landscapes, forever.

*Deborah L. Stanley, Executive Director*

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## **Lake Sunapee Protective Association**

In 2008, Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) had many opportunities to further environmental education, science, water quality and collaborations in and around the Sunapee area:

### **Invasive Species**

Many thanks to our weed watchers, who reported more plant growth in general and more green filamentous algae. These long and stringy algae can form cloud-like masses, usually near the lake bottom in shallow areas. These lake balls are on the increase and indicate increasing nutrient levels in the water.

Invasive milfoil was discovered in Sunapee harbor this year. LSPA actually discovered the plants last year but we could not confirm the species. A new fragment was sent to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) this year and it was positively identified as variable milfoil through DNA analysis. The milfoil has been covered with benthic barrier since last year and it will continue to be monitored and managed. It is fortunate that we caught this batch early. There were only 2 or 3 plant stems under boat slips – a difficult location for visibility. Monitoring and management of existing invasive milfoil continued successfully at Georges Mills this past season. Licensed handpicking with root removal and benthic barriers contained the spread of the plant. Meanwhile, suspicious milfoil off the state beach coast is being analyzed.

### **Lake Hosting**

This year, over 2,300 boats were inspected, an increase over the 1,700 checked in 2007. Lake host hours were increased, with a fourth launch site added. The launch sites are Georges Mills, Sunapee harbor, state beach and Blodgett Landing, which was added as the fourth site in 2008. The largest number of boats came from New Hampshire, with Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, and New York following in that order.

Increases were greatest from Massachusetts and New York. Outboards, ski jets, sailboats, canoes and kayaks saw the greatest increase in numbers. An invasive Eurasian milfoil save was confirmed from a Connecticut boat, which had the plant all over the boat. We are pleased to have many lake hosts now returning from year to year.

### **Education Programs**

LSPA held many programs for children and families throughout 2008, with many in-school programs as well. LSPA also began an adult/family education series primarily in the summer season. These activities were free of charge and very popular. Love Your Lakes Day was held in August and was well attended with new exhibits, demonstrations, and the antique boat parade.

### **Science**

The instrumented buoy continues to monitor the lake's temperature, oxygen and other vital measurements, and is available in near-real time on [www.lakesunapee.org](http://www.lakesunapee.org). The data is supplemented with field measurements by staff and the many Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) volunteers. The LSPA lab located at Colby-Sawyer College analyzes water samples for over 25 local lakes and ponds.

In 2008, LSPA was a partner in a newly awarded NSF grant to explore how the public, including schools, could best use scientific data, such as that from the buoy. A workshop was held and progress continues with innovative potential interfaces.

Also in 2008, LSPA commissioned a bathymetric study of Lake Sunapee, with very accurate sonar soundings and GPS technology. The results showed that the lake is really several basins tied together. The study will help in understanding how Lake Sunapee works by indicating flows, areas most likely for



algae, such as Gloeotrichia, areas most vulnerable to milfoil, and those most likely to have nutrient increases.

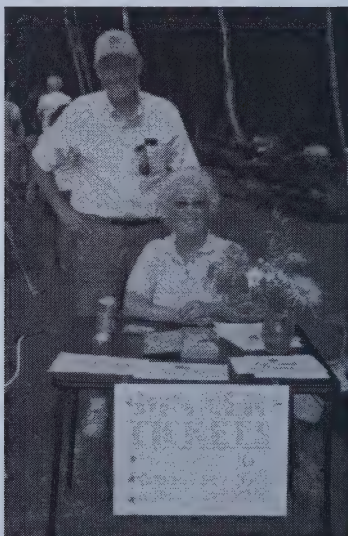
### **Watershed**

LSPA continued to work with, support and guide many property owners, local municipalities, and the state on identifying problem areas and reducing the effects of stormwater throughout the watershed and the Sunapee area.

### **Water Quality**

LSPA's water quality laboratory, housed at Colby-Sawyer College, continues to perform as a most well-respected analysis lab, designated as a DES satellite. It analyzed water quality samples for over 25 area lakes and ponds. The results are then sent to DES, and become part of the VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program) reports.

*June Fichter*



*Tom and Claire Vannatta sell  
dinner tickets on Old Home Day.  
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

## **Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition**

In 2008, the watershed management plan for the Sunapee area was completed. Copies are available online at [www.sunapeewatershed.org](http://www.sunapeewatershed.org) or [www.lakesunapee.org](http://www.lakesunapee.org), or at the town library. Over 100 copies have been distributed to all the boards of the watershed towns, as well as to all the watershed town libraries, the NH state library and Colby-Sawyer College library. During the year, while working on the watershed plan, members of SAWC toured the watershed, talking to experts and visiting the New London sub-station, the Sunapee water treatment plant, a managed forest, Department of Transportation sites, Sunapee harbor and developments with stormwater controls. The watershed plan sub-committee also met with civil engineers, landscape architects, and foresters to understand effective methods of stormwater infiltration such as swales, rain gardens, and level spreaders.

A major concern and threat to water quality is storm water runoff, throughout the watershed from roads, lawns, and impervious surfaces. The top issues listed from the watershed plan investigation can be summarized into three general topics: storm water run-off, septic systems, and awareness and compliance.

### **What is in the Watershed Plan**

The first two chapters contain information about watersheds and in particular the Sunapee watershed. Chapter three contains water quality data, as well as the federal and state regulations regarding water resource protection. The data sources indicate increasing levels of conductivity and phosphorus concentrations, increased occurrences of algal blooms and toxic algae, and elevated sodium and chloride concentrations. This section also contains a description of the water quality model developed to evaluate the phosphorus loading from the watershed under two conditions: current land use and full future build-out land use. The next chapters

contain an overview of existing protection measures in the watershed, inventories of potential threats to water quality, and a summary of the top watershed priorities.

The eight areas of major concern are:

- Storm water runoff pollution
- Erosion from land development
- Impacts of impervious cover to water quality and quantity
- Impacts from aging septic systems and locations of new ones
- Enforcement of existing ordinances and regulations
- Road salt use and storage
- Lack of a watershed approach for water protection
- Insufficient education on watershed plan implementation

An over-arching goal is to reduce phosphorus runoff rates and maintain in-water phosphorus concentrations. Why so much concern about phosphorus? Because it is a key indicator of pollution in a water body as it occurs at a very low natural level. Human activity quickly increases phosphorus in a watershed, and more phosphorus means more algae and plants. Water quality trends from the last 18 years indicate increases of more than 50%. This added phosphorus accelerates the aging of water bodies, shortening their life and affecting recreational activities, wildlife, drinking water resources and the local economy. Rapid increases can even lead to massive plankton blooms, low oxygen, and fish kills.

### **What's Next for SAWC and Watershed Planning**

SAWC representatives continue to meet with select boards and planning boards from each watershed area town to discuss potential action items from the recommendations such as:

-Stormwater runoff: Requiring low-impact development for subdivisions and individual home construction.

- Erosion: Consider soil type and steep slopes.
- Impervious surfaces: Since uncontrolled impervious surfaces lead to erosion and can downgrade aquifer recharge, retain as much runoff as possible onsite.
- Septic systems: These play a long-term role in degradation of water quality, especially with increasing population. Understanding the what, when, where and size of septic systems and their proper maintenance schedules would go a long way to limiting their problems.
- Enforcement: The primary tool for improving the environment is education, but enforcement of existing regulations is important, with funding from permit fees.
- Watershed planning: The idea of establishing watershed overlay districts in critical areas should be examined.
- Education: SAWC is willing to play a major role in keeping communities informed on water quality issues and the economic benefits to avoid future problems.

### **What the Watershed Plan Feedback Has Been**

Feedback from municipal board members has been positive. Each town by itself may not have sufficient resources to solve the problem, so sharing information and solutions is valuable. All are very interested in where the watershed planning goes from here.

### **What has Already Taken Place**

- Information has been disseminated to the towns during the making of the watershed plan, leading to improvement in zoning ordinances for storm water handling and low-impact development.
- Erosion and sediment pamphlets have been prepared for distribution in several towns.
- A *Guide to Erosion Control and Stormwater Management* has been circulated to the towns. This is a well-illustrated educational tool to be used by town officials, contractors, builders, and home owners. Copies are available at the LSPA



office, Sunapee Harbor or online at [www.sunapeewatershed.org](http://www.sunapeewatershed.org).

The Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition (SAWC) was organized in 2005 by residents concerned with the future of water resources in the Sunapee region. SAWC is made up of representatives from each watershed town (Goshen, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee and Sutton), area lake associations, and interested watershed residents. SAWC is assisted by Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Granite State Rural Water Association, and NH DES.

SAWC meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the Ivey Center at Colby-Sawyer College.

*June Fichter*



*Town office dressed up by the  
Newbury Beautification Committee.  
Photo courtesy Cheron Barton*

**Town of Newbury, NH**  
**Annual Town Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

Moderator Nancy Marashio called the March 11, 2008 town meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty. Voting on Article 1 and Article 2 of the Town Warrant began. The polls were open from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The polls closed at 7:10 p.m. after the last voter had cast their ballot.

**Business Meeting – Wednesday March 12, 2008**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the results of the Tuesday, March 11, 2008 election.

Office of Selectman:	James Powell – 208
Town Moderator:	Nancy Marashio – 225
Treasurer:	Jennifer Goin – 219
Trustee of Trust Funds:	Daniel H. Wolf – 209
Library Trustee:	Regina Almond-Albro – 212
Cemetery Trustee:	Michael Moss – 209
Planning Board:	Barbara Freeman – 205
Planning Board:	William Weiler – 192
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	Steve Russell – 206
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	Barbara Richmond – 205
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	Helen Wright – 24
Planning Amendment No. 1 to the Building Regulations:	Yes - 181      No – 20
Planning Amendment No. 1 to the Zoning Ordinance:	Yes – 158      No – 45
Planning Amendment No. 2:	Yes – 183      No – 21
Kearsarge Reg. School Moderator:	Robert E. Bowers, Jr. – 184
School Ballot Question 1:	A – 129      B – 70

School Ballot Question 2:	Yes – 167	No – 60
School Ballot Question 3:	Yes – 153	No – 75
School Ballot Question 4:	Yes – 157	No – 72
School Ballot Question 5:	Yes – 132	No – 92

Selectman Powell stated that the Board of Selectmen would like to recognize several people in Town who have contributed unselfishly and voluntarily to the Town.

John “Mike” Croteau. In the absence of Mr. Croteau, Bridgett Severence and Shawn Croteau accepted a proclamation dedicated to Mr. Croteau’s service to the Town.

Delbert Harris, Jr. The meeting held a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Harris. On behalf of Mr. Harris’ family, John Warren accepted a written tribute to Mr. Harris for all of his various contributions to the Town.

Helga Thomas. Helga Thomas accepted a written proclamation for her dedication and service to keeping the grounds and office buildings clean.

Beverly Wolf. Beverly Wolf accepted a written proclamation for her leadership and dedication to the Newbury Public Library as a trustee.

Charles Crickman. Mr. Crickman accepted a resolution in honor of his service and dedication for work at Fishersfield Recreation Area and as a trustee to the cemeteries.

David Fanning. Mr. Fanning accepted a proclamation in honor and appreciation of his willingness to assist in projects throughout town.

**ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,226,673 for general operations:**

## Annual Budget - 2008

1. Executive	\$ 175,886
2. Elections	11,067
3. Financial Administration	437,999
4. Legal Expenses	25,000
5. Personnel Administration	2,800
6. Planning Board	50,349
7. Zoning Board	13,017
8. General Government Building	51,981
9. Cemeteries	25,780
10. Insurance	50,865
11. Other General Government	14,000
12. Police Department	438,848
13. Fire Department	139,968
14. Forest Fire	1,038
15. Code Enforcement	28,124
16. Emergency Management	4,478
17. Highway Maintenance	565,980
18. Highway Reconstruction	243,000
19. Street Lighting	14,040
20. Transfer Station	290,418
21. Health Agencies	31,324
22. Welfare	16,294
23. Information Booth	6,565
24. Parks & Recreation	72,644
25. Library	81,297
26. Conservation Commission	1,603
27. Historical Society	1,000
28. Tax Anticipation Notes	100
29. Sewer Department	141,825
30. Bond/Note Principal	195,000
Bond/Note Interest	58,675
31. Safety Comm. Services	35,708
32. Capital Outlay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,226,673</b>



**Motion to adopt Article 3 was made and seconded.  
Discussion followed.**

Mr. Powell explained that the operating budget is up 5.2% overall. Most of that increase is driven by fuel expenses and increased health insurance costs. He explained that some of the articles on the warrant will be partially funded through grants. If all articles pass on the warrant as it now stands, the spending will be approximately \$200,000 less than last year or \$0.29/1000 on the tax rate. He reviewed each line item and explained the reasons for their increases or decreases.

Joy Nowell's commendation to Cal Prussman, highway administrator, and the other highway department workers for their efforts and dedication during this unseasonably snowy winter was met with applause.

Mr. Powell informed the meeting that due to popular demand, there will be three hazardous materials collection days this year. The recycling committee is diligent in trying to extend the recycling efforts without increasing costs to the Town.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 3 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectmen.)**

<b>Fire Equipment</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
<b>Highway Equipment</b>	<b>98,000</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Bridges</b>	<b>35,000</b>

**Motion to adopt Article 4 was made and seconded.  
Discussion followed.**

Ken Tentarelli asked why there were no items in Article 4 for the police department.

Selectman Budd explained that the police cruisers are now funded through lease payments and those lease payments are included in the operating budget. There are no other capital expenses relative to the police department.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 4 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19 - maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectmen.)**

Docks	\$ 8,000
Town Office Equipment	6,000
Town Buildings	7,000
Milfoil Control	5,000
FD Personal Protection	10,000

**Motion to adopt Article 5 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Selectman Wright explained that this article comes up every year and is in place to allow the Town to be able to fund repairs and equipment necessary without having to raise a large appropriation at Town Meeting.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to tear down and dispose of the buildings located on the town-owned “Bald Sunapee” and adjoining parcels and for the placement of fill and gravel at this location. These funds will also be utilized for**

**an architectural plan for a safety services department building and parking layout.**

**Motion to adopt Article 6 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Mr. Powell explained that there are currently two buildings on this property. One of the buildings has tenants occupying it who will be leaving by the end of June 2008. Both buildings need to be evaluated for the presence of asbestos and salvageable items before razing the buildings. Once the buildings are gone, there may need to be some fill brought in to fill the foundation holes and level the site. An architectural plan will provide a general site plan which will indicate the best place for future buildings, approval for which would come to a later Town Meeting. He stated that there are no specific plans for what and exactly where buildings will be built.

Mrs. Wolf suggested that public restrooms should be part of the plan for the Bald Sunapee site.

Mr. Messenger suggested consideration should be given to allowing the fire department to practice a controlled structure burn of the building for training purposes.

Mr. Wright agreed the building site provides good training opportunities, but a hot burn may melt the near-by playground equipment. Perhaps a smoke and rescue session could be practiced in lieu of fire fighting.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,040,000 for engineering and construction costs for Newbury Bridge 138/72 Sutton Road over Ring Brook and Newbury Bridge 120/078 Village Road (Old NH Route 103) over Andrew Brook. \$832,000 will come from a State of NH bridge aid grant, \$148,000**

will come from the Bridges Engineering/Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund that was established in 2007 and \$60,000 from the December 31, 2007 undesignated fund balance. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the bridges are completed or by December 31, 2012, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

**Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded.  
Discussion followed.**

Mr. Wright explained that the bridges that pass over Andrew Brook on Village Road and Sutton Road have been red listed by the State for a number of years. The Village Road bridge has been identified as having structural tiredness and the Sutton Road bridge is not capable of carrying high waters underneath it and the resulting flooding may destroy the two fields on either side of Sutton Road as well as the road if it is not addressed. The State has moved up the timeline of grant money available due to the collapsing bridges that have made the news. If the bridges can be addressed at the same time that will probably save the Town some money. Eighty percent of the costs will be reimbursed to the Town and most of the other twenty percent is already set aside. The remainder is anticipated to be funded by the regularly scheduled trust fund bridge expense at the 2009 Town Meeting. Construction would be planned to begin in 2008 and finished in 2009.

Mr. Wolf expressed concern that the Town is appropriating money that is not funded at this time.

Josh Perkins asked if there are funds in this article available to correct the direction of the water upstream to save Sutton Road in the event that floodwaters overtake Sutton Road. He asked if raising the level of Sutton Road was being considered.



Mr. Wright commented that raising Sutton Road and future channeling of Andrew Brook may be done at a later date, but it is not part of the money being raised and appropriated this year. He explained that the road may need to be raised, but tentative talks with engineers are more about lengthening the bridge.

Ken Schuster asked if there are any contingencies worked in to the estimates in case the costs are higher than planned.

Mr. Wright commented that the Board of Selectmen has been told by the state that this is the maximum they will grant. The state estimates are usually about 20% higher than actual costs when there is a competitive bid, so they are hoping the actual costs will come in lower than the state estimate.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the following town-owned property, subject to such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may determine to be in the best interest of the Town: old highway garage, corner of Route 103 & Sutton Road (Map/lot #04-348-244), commercial property.**

**Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Mr. Powell explained that this article, when presented at Town Meeting last year, failed partly because not enough thought had gone into the ramifications of losing the building for cold storage. The items that are currently being stored in there could be stored in a building at Fishersfield Park. The building at 20 Sutton Road has outlived its usefulness and the roof beams are cracking. As part of the research conducted, it was discovered that according to a questionnaire and survey

conducted by the planning board, that property has the least potential in Town.

Linda Pho asked if there was a way to redirect the heavy truck traffic through the South Newbury Village.

Mr. Powell commented that the sale of this property will not impact the traffic issues in the Village, but steps have been taken to mitigate the traffic in that area.

Mr. Messenger asked what the Town is spending on an annual basis to maintain the old highway department at 20 Sutton Road. He stated that that lot, at the corner of Sutton Road and Route 103, is a prime location for a future satellite fire station as well as other safety services uses. He cautioned against getting rid of a property in a prime location.

Mr. Wright commented that there is another piece of Town-owned land right across Route 103, farther away from the brook that could also be used for satellite safety services if necessary. If the old highway garage is not repaired and maintained, the Town will have to pay to tear it down. The Board of Selectmen is determined to sell the property for a good price and preserve the right to decide who will buy the property and how it will be used. Selling the property will free the Town of the maintenance costs of over \$5000.

Mike Ripberger asked if there were any complaints from the neighbors regarding salt or gasoline.

Mr. Wright stated that at this time, there are none. The environmental issues in the past have been addressed and cleared by the state.

Mrs. Pho asked if the townspeople will get to decide who gets to buy the property. She also expressed frustration for the middle-of-the-night activity on the property when people go there to get sand.

Mr. Wright commented that the salt shed will be gone, so the middle-of-the-night activity will stop. There will not be a public vote on who gets to buy it, but certainly a public hearing could be held to receive input. The Board of Selectmen will make that decision when appropriate.

Albert Bachelder asked where people will be able to get sand if the salt shed is taken away.

Mr. Wright commented that the transfer station may be able to accommodate a space for that use. He assured Mr. Bachelder that although they do not know exactly where at this time, the Board of Selectmen will certainly have a location for sand available to the public.

Katheryn Holmes asked if there were any additives in the sand.

Mr. Prussman stated that there is a small amount of salt in the sand, only enough to keep it from freezing.

Sandy Gove asked how big the lot is and how much the Selectmen anticipate selling the property for. She pointed out that the Town has a two-acre minimum for lots.

Mr. Wright stated that last year a local realtor estimated that the lot could be sold for \$250,000. The size of the lot is a little more than one acre but that it is considered a grandfathered lot, therefore does not require two acres to be usable.

Bill Weiler commented that he would like to see the building torn down before the property is sold so that the garage use will not be grandfathered.

Wayne Seaholm asked if the property is within the floodplain boundaries.

Mr. Wright stated that this property is not within the floodplain.

Mr. Thomas pointed out that it is within the 300 ft. shoreline protection boundaries and is therefore limited in its use.

**VOTE: YES – 62 No – 53. Article 8 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purchase of a new fire tanker and authorize the withdrawal of \$180,000 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)**

**Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Henry Thomas, fire chief, explained that he would like to replace the 1976 International tanker with a capacity of 1,200 gallons of water for a new tanker with a capacity of 2,000 gallons on a diesel chassis. This would increase the fire department's capacity of 4900 gallons of water on wheels to 5700 gallons of water. The new tanker will have a water pump so that it will be able to fill itself until a pumper truck arrives.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,000 for a one-ton truck with dump body equipped with a plow and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$62,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)**

**Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Cal Prussman, highway administrator, explained that he would like to replace the 2001 Chevy one-ton that currently has



94,000 miles with a new similarly equipped truck, except without sander. The highway department will use the sander it already owns.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for a 2-bay cold-storage building to be located at Fishersfield.**

**Motion to adopt Article 11 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Mr. Wright explained that this proposed cold-storage building will be used as a multipurpose building to store equipment, benches and other items associated with Fishersfield Park. The building is proposed to be located at the back of the property in the second potential ball field area. The two garage doors from the Bald Sunapee property are proposed to be used on this building.

Mr. Perkins asked if this appropriation includes site work such as an access, concrete slab, etc.

Mr. Wright stated that there is some groundwork that needs to be done. A lot of the work at Fishersfield has been done by the highway department, including the building of stonewalls and hopes that can continue. The \$40,000 is for the building and concrete slab alone, no other site work.

Mr. Schuster asked if consideration has been given to locating the cold storage building at the Bald Sunapee site for easier access.

Mr. Wright explained that the items stored in the shed will primarily be for use at Fishersfield. Therefore, it would be easier to have the storage shed on site at Fishersfield.

Mr. Prussman asked if the proposed storage shed will be big enough to house the new items for Fishersfield plus those that are currently being stored at the old highway garage such as a fire truck, the fire boat, a Kubota and other miscellaneous items.

Mr. Wright commented that they have not worked out the details of where everything will go, but he is confident they will find a place.

Barbara Freeman asked if the master plan for Fishersfield included this building. She said that she is concerned that because of the limited buildable area due to slope and wetlands, there may not be room for all that is planned.

Mr. Wright stated that the master plan only covered Phase I of the plan. This building is part of Phase II that has not yet been developed. He commented that the concept plan in Phase I shows a large enough area to be filled which will accommodate the building.

Connie Beal commented that she is concerned that this location is secluded and therefore subject to vandalism, fire and not easily accessed for maintenance.

Mr. Wright stated that there are some safety precautions built in, such as motion lights and locked gates.

Mr. Ripberger commented that if this is an item that the Town can do without this year, then we should put it off until we need it, in consideration of those property owners who are having difficulty paying their property taxes.

Mr. Wright explained that even by passing this article, the town portion of the tax rate will decrease. The rising tax rate is primarily due to school and county costs.

Mr. Messenger asked if the storage building can be expanded at a later date if necessary. He also expressed concern for voting on a building that has not been fully researched and designed.

Mr. Wright stated that he believes that where the building is proposed to go will provide room to be expanded on either end.

**VOTE: Yes – 61 No – 44. Article 11 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 154:1, to authorize the appointment of the Newbury Fire Chief by the Board of Selectmen, who will also appoint firefighters upon the recommendation of the fire chief.**

**Motion to adopt Article 12 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Mr. Powell explained that this Article was proposed and withdrawn last year because some members of the fire department felt concern that not enough research was done to consider the ramifications of this article. Since last year, the Board of Selectmen has tried to consider and address job descriptions by developing different levels of different jobs for fire fighters and medical personnel. A new pay plan has also been developed based on training, skill and experience. This article will bring the fire department in line with the way other departments in town operate. In the past, the fire department has operated out of a town building, using town equipment, yet the town has no control over its operations. It had morphed into a fraternal organization. The Board of Selectmen has had several meetings with the fire department and feels that this is the most prudent method and time to make the necessary changes.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 12 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,800 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,800 from the December 31, 2007 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

**Motion to adopt Article 13 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Dennis Pavlicek, town administrator, explained that this is primarily a housekeeping article. This will allow the proceeds from the sale of cemetery lots from last year to be put into the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 13 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the town will vote to dissolve the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993. Another Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund was established in 1995 and remains in effect. This is a housekeeping article.

**Motion to adopt Article 14 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Mr. Pavlicek explained that this is a housekeeping article. The Department of Revenue Administration noticed that Newbury had two Ambulance Capital Reserve Funds established, one in 1993 and the other in 1995. The fund established in 1993 has no money in it. This article will eliminate the zero balance fund established in 1993.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 14 was adopted as read.**



**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to convey approximately 1,100 square feet of land that is part of the Lakeside Cemetery parcel Map 20 Lot 125-373 to direct abutters per an annexation plan of January 7, 2008 prepared by Pennyroyal Hill Land Surveying.

**Motion to adopt Article 15 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Mr. Powell explained that last year the cemetery trustees' surveyor discovered that the fence along the backside (lake side) of Lakeside Cemetery was not indicative of the actual property line, which had become obscured throughout the years. The proposed transaction will clear up the boundary line location, which will be delineated by a new fence.

**VOTE:** All in favor. Article 15 was adopted as read.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Phase I of the re-housing and cataloging of the Sherman Hall Collection. (The total amount for Phase I is \$17,450; Newbury Historical Society will pay \$12,450 and the Town will pay the remaining \$5,000.)

**Motion to adopt Article 16 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Margie Weiler, treasurer of the Newbury Historical Society, explained that there is a collection of historical materials in Sherman Hall, which contains many old books and records. The historical society has been designated the custodian of these records per a memorandum of understanding with the Town. This is a two-stage proposal to help re-house, catalog and inventory the collection. Phase II, to be proposed next year, will be to generate a computer catalog for the public to review. This article is asking for only one-third of the cost of

this project, which is the equivalent to the amount of the documents that belong to the Town that are in the care of the historical society.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 16 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to remove the existing fence and replace with chain-link fencing approximately 450 feet along the west side boundary and 130 feet along the north boundary of the Lakeside Cemetery.**

**Motion to adopt Article 17 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Mary Bachelder, cemetery trustee, explained that this fence would complete the perimeter of the Lakeside Cemetery as required by law. This article is also \$3,000 less than originally planned because the contractor has included this project in with Fishersfield. The back fence will be a chain-linked fence.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 17 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to accept all of Summer Street (0.36 mile) and all of Greystone Lane (0.54 mile) in the Whitethorn subdivision. Subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen. (By petition.)**

**Motion to adopt Article 18 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Robert Bell, petitioner of Article 18, explained that the roads in the Whitethorn subdivision were on the warrant for acceptance by the Town of Newbury two years ago and were refused because so many roads had been already accepted that year. These 9/10ths of a mile represent access to 28 lots, three of which have houses on them and none are in current use. Each

lot brings the Town of Newbury approximately \$2,000 / year in property taxes.

June Fichter asked if Summer Street and Greystone Lane are built to state and Town specifications and best management practices regarding drainage.

Mr. Prussman stated that, as highway administrator, he has two concerns. The first concern is regarding the grade of the road. Part of the first section of Summer Street was built in the early 1970s before Mr. Bell owned the land and is in excess of a 13% grade. The section of road that was built by Mr. Bell is more level. The second concern is that the Town's engineer, Lou Caron, was not present for the laying of road materials. Therefore, it is not known what is beneath the surface, which means core samples will need to be taken in order to make sure that what should be there is there.

Mr. Seaholm asked Mr. Bell if the section of road in question of grade is steeper than Province Road. He commented that it was his understanding that in order for a road to be accepted by the Town, the final step is approval by the highway administrator.

Mr. Bell commented that after he purchased the subdivision, he rebuilt the steep section and reduced the grade from about 14% down to about 12%. The back section is down to about 10% and was paved in 2007.

Linda Messenger commented that three houses are not that many to offset the cost of taking over the road. She recommended putting off accepting this road until more homes are built.

Mr. Powell clarified that if this road is approved tonight, it does not become a Town road until it is approved by the highway administrator and the Board of Selectmen. That will not be done until the road is found to be built to and satisfies

all current Town road specifications. The first 400' of Summer Street is grandfathered from when the subdivision was approved in 1972. Six to seven years ago, the Town approved a road, Blodgett Brook Road, but that road was never brought up to Town standards and has therefore never been accepted and taken over as a Town road. If it isn't accepted, it remains a private road.

Mr. Bell explained that the first 500 ft. of Summer Street is steep. Other than the grade, that part of the road was built to specifications that meet current standards.

Mr. Messenger asked if there is a minimum number of homes per road before the road is accepted.

Mr. Wright said there is no minimum. Each decision is made independent of each other.

Katheryn Holmes asked if Mr. Bell has had to put up a bond for the wear and tear on Bay Point Road and whether new owners are subject to some review of best practices guidelines when they take ownership of a development. Does that mean we can ruin our landscapes because a development is grandfathered? She commented that the Town should be very prudent about enforcing best practices guidelines. The water runoff coming down off that subdivision has increased tremendously since that land has been developed.

Barbara Freeman, planning board chair, commented that a grandfathered subdivision is grandfathered regardless of who was or who is the owner.

Mr. Bell added that when he purchased the subdivision, he bought 12 lots with 55 remaining acres and reconfigured those 12 lots to 7 lots. All but one now meets the minimum acreage and dropped the size of the lots to satisfy best practices as closely as possible.



Mr. Wright stated that no bond is required of Mr. Bell for Bay Point Road because there is no policy in place to allow such a bond. There are lots of heavy trucks traveling lots of roads such as logging trucks, fuel delivery trucks, concrete trucks, etc. that may have nothing to do with development and we cannot discriminate.

**VOTE: Majority not in favor. Article 18 was not adopted.**

**ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative, our State Senator and our Governor:**

**Resolved: We the citizens of Newbury, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representative, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the “pledge”, have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. (By petition.)**

**Motion to adopt Article 19 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Suzanne Levine commented that this article does not propose a specific solution but only encourages objective discussion to bring us a fair tax system and consideration of bringing in other revenue at the state level other than through property taxation.

Steve Winter commented that there is a lot of misinformation inadvertently given out by the Granite State Fair Tax Coalition. There is no other way to raise State revenue other than an income tax or a sales tax. Mr. Winter outlined several reasons why, in his opinion, an income tax nor a sales tax would be implemented in New Hampshire. He commented that a state income tax will not lower the total taxes paid. Historically, all

states that have reverted to an income tax are the highest-taxed states in the U.S. Much of the financial burden is placed on the Towns by the state's unfunded mandates. Right now, New Hampshire has the lowest total state and local tax rate in the country.

**Mr. Winter made a motion to amend Article 19 to read: To see if the Town of Newbury will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative, our State Senator and our Governor:**

**WHEREAS: We the citizens of Newbury, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair, AND WHEREAS: The property tax has become unjust and unfair, AND WHEREAS: The principal cause of rising local property taxes has to do with the shifting of responsibility to provide and to pay for state programs, standards and regulations from the State of New Hampshire to smaller jurisdictions of government, AND WHEREAS: Elected state representatives who vote to shift the responsibility for providing and for paying for state obligations from state to county government and especially to local school districts, irresponsibly overburden property tax payers. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Newbury, New Hampshire calls upon all of our elected state and local leaders, now and in the future, to prevent county, school district and municipal property taxpayers from having to ever directly or indirectly fund the obligations of the State.**

**The motion was seconded. Discussion followed.**

Mr. Winter explained that the process to amend by substitution is that if this substitute amendment would pass, it would totally replace the warrant article on the warrant.

Dan Wolf commented that eight or nine years ago, we passed a constitutional amendment that prevents the state from passing

unfunded mandates. That amendment should still be in effect. This amendment sounds like duplication.

Mr. Winter stated that Mr. Wolf is right, it is Article 28A in the first part of the NH Constitution. Yet, every time the state passes something, they exempt themselves from that. They get it interpreted that what has been passed is only an expansion of what towns should be doing already. Therefore, it gets passed down to the municipalities.

June Fichter commented that she is concerned with the state shifting its responsibilities to the local arenas. But if the state doesn't shift some of its fiscal responsibilities, how will the State pay for its functions.

Mr. Winter commented that the state has a whole lot of other sources of tax revenues. Rooms and meals, enterprise tax, dividend and interest tax, etc. They probably have 100 or more sources of revenue. The towns and counties have one source of revenue – property taxation. The only way the cycle can be broken is to stop the state spending.

Liz Tentarelli commented that this warrant article is being presented in 89 towns this year as written on the warrant. Furthermore, it was passed in 13 towns last year. This amendment should be brought up as a separate petitioned warrant article next year.

Mr. Winter commented that several of the 89 Towns that are considering this same warrant article have already accepted and passed the same substitute amendment.

Linda Powell commented that there are three kinds of taxpayers. Rich, middle income and poor. All but non-residents will be hit by income taxes. People can control the amount of spending without losing income to taxes. The coalition proposal seems as though it will raise taxes and the amendment seems as though it will not raise taxes.

Hal Krueger commented that the original warrant article is only asking to open discussion. It is not saying the article will create an income tax or a sales tax. He reiterated that the pledge prohibits discussion; therefore, let's do away with that pledge and have a discussion. It is non-committal.

Question was moved.

Moderator Marashio, with the approval of the meeting, granted further comment.

Mr. Winter commented that there are only two other sources of revenue left, which are the sales tax and the income tax.

Bob Bouvier commented that in his opinion the fair tax coalition is a partisan group and is about income tax. He commented that legislators are free to consider anything they want.

The question was moved a second time.

**VOTE on amending Article 19: Majority not in favor.  
Amendment to Article 19 did not pass.**

**VOTE on Article 19 as written: Majority not in favor.  
Article 19 did not pass.**

**ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Cemetery Monuments Expendable Trust Fund created in 1987.**

**Motion to adopt Article 20 was made and seconded.  
Discussion followed.**

Mr. Pavlicek commented that this is a housekeeping article. There is only 20 cents in the fund. The Town has not been putting any money in the fund for many years.



**VOTE: All in favor. Article 20 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

There was no further business.

**Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda Plunkett, Town Clerk*



*Newbury summer garden  
Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen*

**Newbury Board of Selectmen  
Summer Town Informational Meeting  
Minutes of August 2, 2008**

**Selectmen:** Jim Powell

**Town Personnel:** Dennis Pavlicek, town administrator; Police Chief Bob Lee; Fire Chief Henry Thomas; Cal Prussman, highway administrator; Tim Mulder, chief operator of Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility; and Wayne Whitford, emergency management director

**Public:** Barbara Gibson, Bruce MacKenzie, Jeffrey Willett, Jeff Fisher, John Fisher, Sally Harris, Charles Schiess, and Kara Obey

**The meeting convened at 8:05 a.m.**

Selectman Powell welcomed everyone to the annual summer meeting. He inquired as to whether the annual summer meeting should continue to be held on Saturday mornings or if it should be moved to a weekday evening. Fisher stated he would like to see more advertising on this event. Other public response was mixed as to which time would be best. Powell said that there were postings on the website, and throughout municipal buildings. Gibson said that last year was a larger turnout but she was disappointed with the one hour restriction due to the fact that it was preceded by a visioning session meeting. MacKenzie stated that most summer residents are primarily here on the weekends and that Saturday would be more conducive for the meetings.

Powell reviewed the events of Old Home Day. He stated that it was a very successful event and he has received a lot of positive feedback.

Pavlicek reviewed the upcoming sidewalk project and asked for any questions. There were no questions regarding this topic.

Powell discussed the Bald Sunapee project and the upcoming demolition of the buildings. He also mentioned the newly

constructed Velie Memorial Playground. He gave an update of all the new additions to Fishersfield Recreation Area. Harris expressed her pleasure in all the improvements that have been going on in Newbury.

Powell asked Mulder to discuss the refurbishing of the Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mulder explained the cost assessment and the bidding process. Gibson wanted to know what the money has been used for to this point and what the fee for 2008 will be. Pavlicek said that the money has gone toward Phase I. The fee for 2008 is not calculated yet, but hopefully will be a little less than last year. He also stated that the payments were used to line the beds and that repairs have been successfully done. Gibson showed concern on whether the repairs really made a difference and Pavlicek assured her that they have been successful. Willett was interested in the overall financing and the review of the sewer project and concerned with future fees. Pavlicek said that all information was public and accessible upon request. Powell added that the work currently completed has already reduced future fees. Schiess expressed his concern over the future cost and the purpose of the project. Obey suggested that she would like to see the town monitor Stantec closely during this process. A resident inquired about the nitrate levels and Mulder stated that the problems are being addressed. Willett inquired about meter installation and Powell replied that the board will discuss this at a future meeting.

Powell announced that the town received a permit from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to put in additional boat slips in the harbor. No decisions have been made at this time and the town is currently focusing on the sidewalk project and the master plan for the municipal buildings. Fisher asked if there is a need for separating the fire and police departments and Powell gave the reasons why.

Fire Chief Henry Thomas gave an update on the fire department, stating that calls were only up slightly. He also reported that the new tanker has been ordered and that the Fishersfield storage unit is being utilized for storage for the antique fire truck and fire boat. He

also stressed the importance of fireworks permits. Obey asked where the permits are recorded and if they are public information, and was told that it is the resident's responsibility to keep their copy of the permit to present if necessary. There was discussion on requirements for fireworks permits.

Thomas also stressed the importance for Newbury residents to put up their street numbers.

Fisher inquired about the status and success of lock boxes. Thomas stated this is a new system which has recently been implemented, and that the lock boxes in place to this point have worked very well. He explained the benefits lock boxes would provide once in place, including allowing emergency personnel to check a residence, especially in an emergency situation, without delay or damage.

Police Chief Bob Lee covered the low level of crime and property damage. Thefts and burglaries are also lower. Blodgett's Landing residents expressed appreciation of increased police patrol in their area. Obey inquired as to the possibility of additional checking of the docks after midnight, but stated that the increased coverage has overall improved the level of problems. Lee discussed the success of the digital sign and said that it has positively decreased vehicle speed through the town/harbor area. Schiess requested the consideration of a sign posting in his area to warn vehicles of children at play. Gibson expressed concern of bicycles as well, and that residents should lower speed levels. Lee encouraged neighborhoods to set a tone for safety levels and standards.

Obey thanked the highway department for additional signage at Blodgett's, the fire department for paint supplies and the recreation department for the swim lessons offered. Obey asked that officials be aware of occasional reckless driving in the Blodgett Landing area. Obey also thanked the police department for its coverage.

MacKenzie expressed appreciation to the highway department for its overall performance in caring for the town roads.



Prussman discussed overall highway department status. He stated that high fuel prices caused the department to go over the fuel line in the budget, and that the department was doing everything possible to limit the moving of equipment to only the bare necessities. A resident inquired about the cost of asphalt and Prussman responded that those prices had increased as well.

Powell announced that the transfer station has successfully increased recycling this year, and has been more efficient through reorganization and improvements. Pavlicek stated that the expansion of accepted recycling materials has also helped to aid this process. Powell conveyed the importance of recycling to offset the high cost of demolition. Harris questioned if recycling materials are occasionally being dumped into trash receptacles, and Powell responded that they do not believe that any improper dumping has taken place, and if any resident is aware of a specific case, to please bring it to the board's attention.

Fisher inquired as to the status of the lawsuit with donor towns. Pavlicek explained that this was no longer an issue.

A resident inquired about the shoreline act and Powell explained that this is covered by the state's control not the town's. Fisher commented that he would like to see a CSPA workshop brought to Newbury, or nearby, and Pavlicek mentioned that a workshop was to be given in New London. Fisher also expressed concern of additional town money going into additional municipal building improvements, and that future upkeep costs are taken into consideration. He then went on to thank the board and town personnel for all their time and effort put forth.

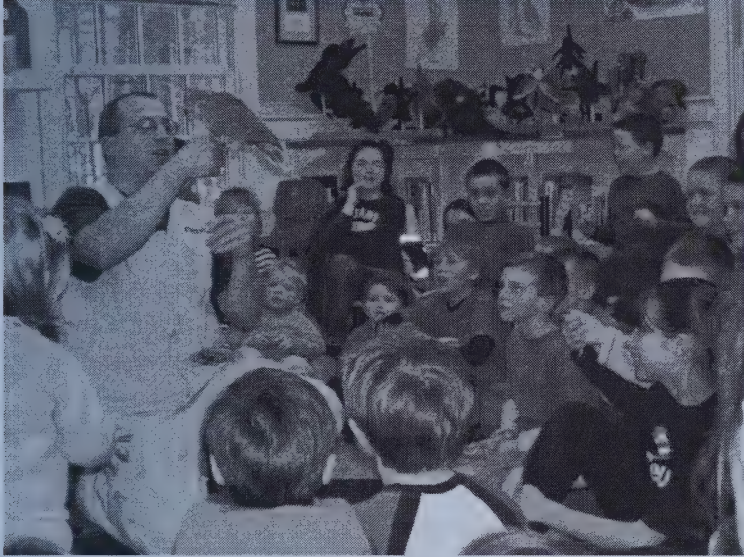
Lee assured the public that the town officials consider all future costs on any projects being considered, and that they also look into more efficient ways to proceed on any municipal project.

Harris expressed her gratitude to Travis Dezotell and the recreation department for the summer children's programs, and wanted him to know that he has done a super job.

Powell thanked everyone for coming, and stated that the summer meeting would again be held on a Saturday morning in 2009.

The Newbury summer informational meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Deb Bacon, Recorder*



*Wild Life Encounters entertained many children at a summer program at the Newbury Public Library.*

*Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*

## Veterans Memorial Committee

The town of Newbury has initiated a project to create a veterans memorial to honor veterans from various wars who have made the supreme sacrifice with their lives and those whose fate is yet unknown. In addition, this memorial will serve as a statement of our town's gratitude to all of those who served our nation in the defense of our liberties.

A committee has been formed to develop a plan for the creation of this memorial. Members of this committee are listed below and can be contacted by email. We are always open to hearing from folks regarding suggestions for how the memorial should look, where in town it should be placed and, of course, to accept donations to help in defraying the costs of making it happen.

Please feel free to contact any one of the members if you have any questions, concerns or would like to make a donation.

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# Newbury, NH

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 am - 12 noon; **Town Clerk:** Monday, 1 pm - 7 pm, Tuesday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Merrimack**  
**New London NH LMA**  
**Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**  
**Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 2**  
**District 8**  
**Merrimack County District 3**

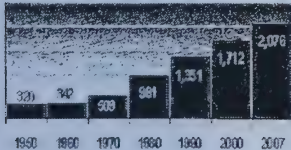
**Incorporated:** 1778

**Origin:** Situated at the south end of Lake Sunapee, this town has had many names. The original grant by the Masonian Proprietors in 1753 named it Dantzic, after the Baltic seaport. A separate grant on adjoining land, the first provincial grant in 1754, was called Hereford, in honor of Edward Devereaux, Viscount Hereford. The grant was renewed in 1772 as Fishersfield, after Governor John Wentworth's brother-in-law John Fisher, and included both the Dantzic and Hereford grants. Fishersfield was incorporated in 1778 upon request of residents. The name was changed to Newbury in 1837, as suggested by settlers originally from Newbury, Massachusetts.

**Villages and Place Names:** Blodgett Landing, Edgemont, Mount Sunapee, Pine Cliff, South Newbury, Box Corner, Chalk Pond

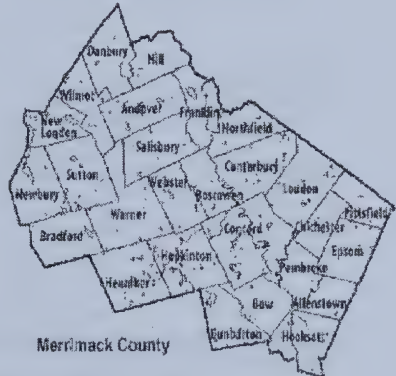
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 331 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Newbury totaled 1,392 over 50 years, from 320 in 1950 to 1,712 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change



was an 89 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, following a 49 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2007 Census estimate for Newbury was 2,076 residents, which ranked 136th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning):** 57.0 persons per square mile of land area. Newbury contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 2.3 square miles of inland water area.





**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	\$4,848,473
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1958/07
Master Plan	1997
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds**

Appointed: **Conservation; Recreation**

Public Library **Newbury Public**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Part-time	
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9	
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
New London Hospital, New London	8 miles	25

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	PSNH	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Chalk Pond; Blodgett; private wells	
Sanitation	Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	none	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No	
Recycling Program	Voluntary	
Telephone Company	Fairpoint; TDS Telecom	
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited	
Cable Television Access	Yes	
Public Access Television Station	Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited
	Residential	Limited

**PROPERTY TAXES**

(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.02
2007 Equalization Ratio	91.3
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	11.92
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.8%

**HOUSING SUPPLY**

(NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	1,596
2007 Single-Family Units	1,480
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	17
2007 Multi-Family Units	105
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	11

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	2,076	148,274
2000	1,712	136,716
1980	1,351	120,618
1980	961	98,302
1970	509	80,925

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	863	Female 839

**Population by Age Group**

Under age 5	72
Age 5 to 19	347
Age 20 to 34	223
Age 35 to 54	598
Age 55 to 64	186
Age 65 and over	276
Median Age	42.1 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

High school graduate or higher	93.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	41.1%

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$29,521
Median 4-person family income	\$61,389
Median household income	\$58,026

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

Male	\$42,031
Female	\$29,022

**Families below the poverty level**

0.0%

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	797	1,217
Employed	775	1,186
Unemployed	22	31
Unemployment rate	2.6%	2.5%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	29	30
Average Weekly Wage	\$557.90	\$540.80
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	237	499
Average Weekly Wage	\$416.17	\$338.65
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	266	530
Average Weekly Wage	\$431.65	\$350.26
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	29	59
Average Weekly Wage	\$454.08	\$498.26
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	295	589
Average Weekly Wage	\$433.82	\$365.17

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades 1-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot) District: SAU 65

Career Technology Center(s): Sugar River Valley Technical Center, Newport or Claremont Region: 10

Educational Facilities: Elementary Middle/Junior High High School Private/Parochial

Number of Schools

Grade Levels

Total Enrollment

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 1 Total Capacity: 17

Nearest Community College: River Valley

Nearest Colleges or Universities: Colby-Sawyer; Magdalen

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Mount Sunapee Resort	Recreation area	150+	1947
Mount Sunapee (Best Western)	Motel	25	2000
Baker Hill Golf Club	Golf Course	20+	2002

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access US Routes 103, 103A, 103B

State Routes

Nearest Interstate, Exit 1-89, Exits 12 - 12A

Distance 8 miles; 10 miles

Railroad No

Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Parlin Field, Newport Runway 3,450 ft. asphalt

Lighted? No Navigation Aids? No

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Lebanon Municipal Distance 34 miles

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH 45 miles

Portland, Maine 130 miles

Boston, Mass. 95 miles

New York City, NY 268 miles

Montreal, Quebec 217 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(US Census Bureau)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van 85.5%

Carpooled, car/truck/van 9.9%

Public transportation 0.0%

Walked 0.4%

Other means 1.0%

Worked at home 3.2%

Mean Travel Time to Work 28.6 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:

Working in community of residence 18%

Commuting to another NH community 77%

Commuting out-of-state 6%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

X Municipal Parks

YMCA/YWCA

Boys Club/Girls Club

X Golf Courses

X Swimming: Indoor Facility

X Swimming: Outdoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility

X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility

Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility

Bowling Facilities

X Museums

Cinemas

Performing Arts Facilities

X Tourist Attractions

X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

Youth Sports: Baseball

X Youth Sports: Soccer

Youth Sports: Football

X Youth Sports: Basketball

Youth Sports: Hockey

X Campgrounds

X Fishing/Hunting

X Boating/Marinas

X Snowmobile Trails

X Bicycle Trails

X Cross Country Skiing

X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee

Other: Fells Historic Site; Stoney Brook Sanctuary;

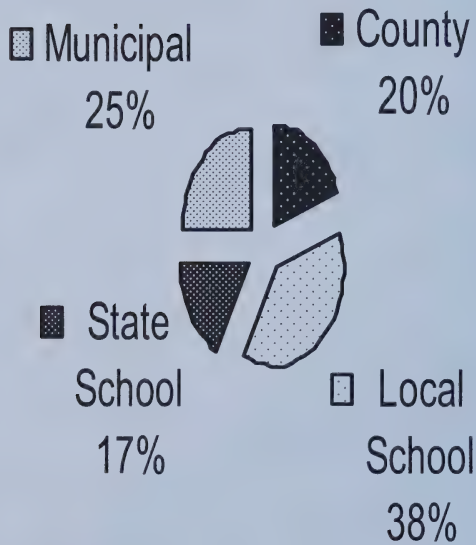
NH Craftsman Fair

## Your Tax Dollars 2008

County	\$2.66	20%
Local		
School	\$5.13	38%
State		
School	\$2.32	17%
Municipal	\$3.41	25%

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13.52</b>	<b>100%</b>
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***Total School Tax Portion = 55%***

**Births**  
**Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2008**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
03/22/08	Remington Joseph Messer	Concord, NH	Roy Messer	April Messer
04/20/08	Elias Try Cooper	Concord, NH	Douglas Cooper	Katherine Cooper
07/11/08	Aidan James Harte	Concord, NH	James Harte	Michele Harte
08/14/08	Owen Lucas Powers	Lebanon, NH	Peter Powers	Elissa Powers
08/14/08	Evan Michael Powers	Lebanon, NH	Peter Powers	Elissa Powers
09/04/08	Thomas Evan Cicoria	Concord, NH	Matthew Cicoria	Lisa Cicoria
11/27/08	Colby Wyatt Beck	Concord, NH	Tyler Beck	Anne Beck



# Marriages/Unions

## Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom/Person A's</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>Groom/Person A's</u> <u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride/Person B's</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>Bride/Person B's</u> <u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of</u> <u>Marriage/Union</u>
04/05/08	Steve M. Garcia	Newbury, NH	Cynthia L. Noyer	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
06/14/08	Brian R. LaClair	Newbury, NH	Rebecca E. Barnes	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
06/21/08	Peter M. Leduc	Hooksett, NH	Laura E. Barbour	Newbury, NH	New London, NH
07/04/08	Dustin D. Dugdale	Newbury, NH	Traci L. Douty	Watertown, CT	Newbury, NH
07/05/08	Theodore M. Young	Warner, NH	Kaitlyn M. McGee	Newbury, NH	Warner, NH
08/07/08	Elizabeth P. Ashworth	Newbury, NH	Bonnie L. Hafer	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
09/27/08	David C. Rennells	Newbury, NH	Stephanie L. Foor	Newbury, NH	Sutton, NH
10/19/08	Sean M. Ring	Newbury, NH	Deborah L. Tenhave	Newbury, NH	Windham, NH

## Deaths

### Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
01/26/08	Merrill Ehler	Newbury, NH	Ira Ehler	Magnes Zetterholm
05/21/08	William Annable, Jr.	Newbury, NH	William Annable, Sr.	Christina Carney
06/10/08	Shari Wright Balla	Lebanon, NH	Jim Wright	Celia Laakso
11/16/08	Virginia Newell	Boscawen, NH	Forrest Craigie	Effie Merrill
12/22/08	Melvin Furbush, Sr.	New London, NH	Ralph Furbush	Abigail Blaisdell
12/24/08	John Lohmann	Concord, NH	Peter Lohmann	Margarete Blohm

## **Newbury Service Directory**

### **ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911**

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency) .....763-4403**  
**POLICE STATION (non-emergency)..... 763-4104**  
**POLICE DISPATCH.....763-2221**

### **Selectmen's Office**

**763-4940 ext. 202**

*Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 a.m. – Noon*

Selectmen meet every two weeks on a rotating schedule of  
Monday nights at 6:30 p.m.

See posted meeting schedules for dates.

Fax - 763-5298

[www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)

E-mail: [townadmin@newburynh.org](mailto:townadmin@newburynh.org)

### **Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office**

**763-5326**

*Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

*(Closed from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)*

**Code Enforcement Officer**

**763-4940 ext. 203**

*Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

*Wednesday: Noon – 6 p.m.*

**Library**

**763-5803**

*Monday: Noon – 8 p.m.*

*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Noon – 5 p.m.*

*Friday closed*

*Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

*Sunday: Noon – 5 p.m.*

**Transfer Station**

**763-2289**

*Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

*Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**Land Use Board Coordinator**

**763-4940 ext. 201**

*Call for Zoning and Planning Board information. Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Town Office. Zoning Board meets on an 'as needed' basis.*

**Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith .....938-5925**

**Town Highway Department .....938-5494**



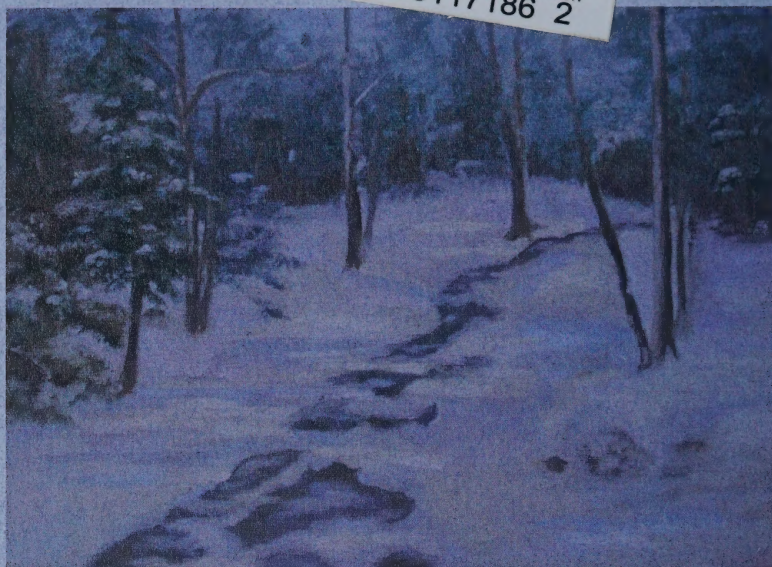
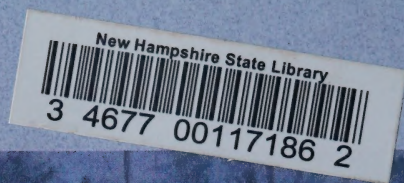


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